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## Former Saipan resident found alive

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In what could very well be the feel-good story of the year, former Saipan resident Joseph “Joe” Salas was found alive in the Klip Creek area of the Idaho County wilderness early Friday morning, Saipan time.

That was five days after Salas was reported missing following a hunting trip and the morning after his family on Saipan all but abandoned hopes of ever seeing the 53-year-old father of two alive.

Cathy Salas, Joe’s wife, said that

» **Wife says  
Joe Salas  
sustained by  
trust in Lord**

finding her husband last Thursday, Boise time, was the “best day ever” and that the first thing she heard from Joe’s mouth after seeing her was ““Hey, baby!””

She told *Saipan Tribune* over the phone yesterday that her husband is

currently recuperating at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center Hospital in Boise, Idaho.

She said by all indications Joe survived the cold elements relatively unscathed.

“Everything is stabilizing. He’s just being thoroughly cleaned out by the IV (intravenous therapy) so that any bacteria is cleared out of his body.”

Cathy said other than blisters on Joe’s right foot that the hospital is treating with antibiotics, her husband is “OK.”

With regards to Joe being found in a cabin, Cathy clarified that Moses

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### Man snorkeling at Grotto found dead



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Photo shows a view of the famous Grotto dive spot in Marpi from the viewing deck. A Caucasian man who was snorkeling at Grotto on Saturday was found dead in the dive spot yesterday morning. An autopsy will be conducted to determine the victim’s cause of death.

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A man who was snorkeling at Grotto in Marpi on Saturday was found dead at the dive site yesterday morning.

The victim, described as a middle-aged Caucasian, was found floating by snorkelers and divers, *Saipan Tri-*

*bune* learned.

Department of Public Safety police spokesman Travis Hurst said yesterday that DPS Fire medics brought the victim to the Commonwealth Health Center where he was pronounced dead. Hurst said cause of death will be released at a later time after an autopsy.

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### ‘Glowing words’ for DFS at CPA hearing

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The 435 written testimonies submitted to the Commonwealth Ports Authority during Thursday night’s public hearing were all in favor of a successor master agreement between DFS and the airport, according to Barrie C. Toves, CPA’s ad-hoc com-

mittee chairman.

The ad-hoc committee will soon convene to review the testimonies, he said.

From there they will debate whether they will recommend that CPA should enter talks with DFS on a new master concession agreement for all Commonwealth ports of entry, Toves said.

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» **CPA to debate  
MCA for all  
ports of entry**



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Joseph “Joe” Salas is about to be placed inside an ambulance after being found in the wilderness of Idaho County early Friday morning, Saipan time. To Salas’ right is his wife Cathy.



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# September 2014 visitor arrivals up 5 percent



September 2014 visitor arrivals to the Northern Mariana Islands jumped 5 percent compared to September 2013. According to the Marianas Visitors Authority, arrivals to the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota registered 35,140 visitors in September 2014, compared to 33,329 visitors received in September 2013.

For fiscal year 2014, visitor arrivals grew two percent. For the first time in NMI tourism history, visitors from China surpassed other markets, comprising 36 percent of total visitor arrivals, a 40-percent increase over fiscal year 2013. Visitors from Korea dipped 3 percent compared to the previous year, comprising 30 percent of arrivals. Japan dropped 23 percent, comprising 26 percent of total visitor arrivals. Meanwhile, visitors arrivals from Russia grew 26 percent in fiscal year 2014 to comprise three percent of arrivals.

In terms of September performance, arrivals from China grew 41 percent to 13,769 visitors, making China the largest source market for the NMI for the eighth consecutive month. The MVA worked with Century Tours and Modern Bride Magazine to arrange a major media shoot on Saipan and Tinian with the Wang Luodan, one of the most famous actresses in China in a continuing push to position the NMI as a world class wedding and honeymoon destination for Chinese couples.

Arrivals from Japan fell 10 percent to 9,119 visitors in September. After the eight flight cancellations in August due to pilot working hour requirements imposed by the Federal Aviation Administration, Delta Air Lines operated its morning flight (DL298) and night flight (DL288) on a daily basis in September, serving 10,440 seats in total.

Arrivals from Korea dropped 11 percent in September to 9,602 visitors. Some Korean travelers postponed travel to the NMI in September given Jeju Air's inaugural flight to Saipan launching on Oct. 1 with an "Early Bird Promotion" offering low fares in October. With the new Jeju Air flight, it is expected that arrivals from Korea will continue to grow.

## » Fiscal year 2014 visitor arrivals up 2 percent

In the meantime, Asiana Airlines established a new Korea Regional headquarters in September to handle not only Seoul but also other secondary cities in Korea, paving the way for faster and more flexible decision-making at the Seoul sales office.

Arrivals from Russia fell 65 percent to 182 visitors in September following the suspension of direct flights in August. The MVA is now working with other airline partners and with leading travel agencies to restore direct non-stop flight service from Russia to the NMI. The MVA is also working closely with Asiana on joint promotions to boost travel from East Russia on one-stop flights to the NMI via Seoul and to maintain the visibility of the NMI as a destination of choice during off-peak fall season.

## Economic highlights

The Japanese government downgraded its assessment of



Tourists from Guam take pictures of the Forbidden Island. September 2014 visitor arrivals to the Northern Mariana Islands jumped 5 percent compared to September 2013. HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

the economy in its September report for the first time in five months, saying it is weighed down by a decrease in personal spending due to unstable weather such as typhoons and heavy rains. The yen depreciated against the dollar, from 103.97 yen to the dollar at the end of August, to 109.42 yen as of Sept. 29.

Korea's domestic economy activities have shown signs of gradual improvement, although the pace of recovery has been moderate. The Korean economy is forecast to gradually improve in the coming months in line with global economic recovery. The won/dollar exchange rate rose 50.26 over the past month to close at 995.98 won against the U.S. dollar. South Korea's won completed its biggest monthly loss since May 2012.

China's National Bureau of

Statistics reported August's retail sales grew 11.9 percent year-on-year to \$343.3-billion. The value of the Chinese currency renminbi, or the yuan,

weakened by 28 basis points to 6.1453 against the U.S. dollar, according to the China Foreign Exchange Trading System. Global market research com-

pany Ipsos reports that China's self-guided outbound tourism sector is booming and in-depth and high-end traveling is gaining momentum. (MVA)

## SIDEBAR

### Occupancy rate at 73 pct. in September

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands reported 73.24 percent occupancy among 11 member hotels for September 2014, a 2-percent decrease compared to September 2013.

A total of 50,602 of 69,090 available room nights sold in September 2014, compared to 53,878 of 71,940 of available room nights sold over the same period last year. Room rates were \$116.84 during the month, compared to \$107.12

last September.

"Again in September, the trend we are seeking is that the average hotel occupancy rate so far this fiscal year is the same as last year, while the average room rate is slightly higher," said HANMI chair Nick Nishikawa. "While we are seeing a welcome increase in arrivals from China, it is also important that the Northern Marianas continue to try to attract visitors from the other source markets of Japan,



Korea, and Russia to have a balanced tourism economy."

So far this calendar year, hotel occupancy is at an average 83.20 percent, 1 percent lower than last year.

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands was established in 1985 as a professional forum for the hospitality industry of the Northern Mariana Islands. (HANMI)



A weekly update from the Marianas Visitors Authority  
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## 2014 Busan International Travel Fair

The 2014 Busan International Travel Fair was held on Sept. 12-15, 2014, at the

Busan Exhibition and Convention Center, with the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) participating to promote the Northern Marianas to consumers and retail agents as one of the best leisure destinations.

A special booth designed with images of Rota and NMI Tourism Ambassador Sistar music group helped the MVA win the "Best Design Booth" at the event, which attracted 101,000 visitors, an 8 percent increase compared to 2013. The event was the largest yet, with 430 booths representing 44 countries.

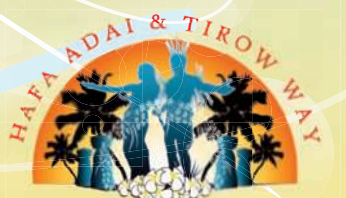
The MVA distributed Marianas Guidebooks,



brochures, gifts and giveaways at the booth, where the Sistar music video filmed in Saipan was also screened. Three hundred fair visitors also asked to subscribe to the MVA's monthly Korean-language newsletter.

In FY 2014, visitors from Korea

comprised 32 percent of total visitor arrivals to the Northern Marianas.





# 3 Saipan casino commissioners finally confirmed



Santos



Reyes



Sablan

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More than three months after Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed the Saipan casino law, the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation finally confirmed his nominees for the Saipan Casino Commission.

The delegation passed the Judiciary and Governmental Operations committee chair Christopher Deleon Guerrero's (Ind-Saipan) report recommending the confirmation of Alvaro A. Santos, Joseph C. Reyes, and Juan M. Sablan last Friday during its session at the House chamber.

Reyes was confirmed on a vote of 16 yes votes with four absences, while Santos and Sablan were confirmed with identical 15 yes votes and the lone no vote coming from House Vice Speaker Frank Dela Cruz (Ind-Saipan), who said their confirmation would conflict with the CNMI government's law against double dipping.

## CEC sees more people voting early

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The Commonwealth Election Commission expects more people to vote early this year, according to CEC executive director Robert A. Guerrero.

In an interview last week, Guerrero said early voting starts seven days before the Nov. 4 election day—from Oct. 28 to Nov. 3—every day from 8:30am to 4pm.

On Saipan, early voting will be at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Building in Susupe, while on Tinian and Rota, it will be at their respective Department of Public Safety buildings, Guerrero said.

Early voting for about nine or 10 registered voters in the Northern Islands started last Sept. 20 but since no boat from Saipan has gone to Pagan, Alamagan, and other islands where the voters are, CEC has yet to facilitate their voting.

Guerrero said early voting for Northern Islands voters who are currently on Saipan will also begin on Oct. 28.

The early voting concept started in 2010, but it was actually in the last election of 2012 when a lot of people chose to vote early because they've learned how it works.

"That's why we're anticipating more people [go for early

Reyes, a former representative and chairman of the NMI Retirement Fund, said he's honored and happy to be confirmed.

"Now it's time to wait for the swearing in and after that is when the organization begins to charter a course to make the outlay as to how we're going to do all of these, given the magnitude of the work ahead of us," Reyes said, adding it's "pretty much unheard of" for an island in the Western Pacific to have a \$7.1-billion integrated casino resort project.

Santos, a former Marianas Public Land Trust board trustee, said the Saipan Casino Commission needs to hire staff and rent an office first before anything else. After that, he said they would need to thoroughly review Public Law 18-56, the Saipan casino law, and then begin "communicating with other casino entities."

Sablan said he, Reyes, and Santos need a lot of help in making sure the CNMI's newest industry will become a success.

voting] this year," Guerrero said. "It really helps."

The executive director said some people prefer not to go to polling places on election day to avoid being intimidated or that they just don't want crowds at polling places.

Guerrero said people who are sick also prefer early voting.

"The intent here is for people to vote," he said.

**» 7-day early voting to kicks off Oct. 28**

Guerrero said people who want to vote early don't have to show any documents to support their reasons for doing so. The law says if voters feel that they will not be able to go to polling places on election day for reasons like medical or personal business, they can do early voting.

"The law says 'in the conduct of personal business,'" said Guerrero, adding that early voters don't need to show documents because the law says "if they feel."

He said if a voter is from Tinian or Rota and he or she is currently on Saipan and could not go back to Tinian or Rota on election day, then he or she can do early voting on Saipan.

For Rota, about a third of their voting population or 33 percent or 600-plus are absentee voters, Guerrero said. Half of the remaining Rota voters prefer early voting because they are on Saipan.

"I'm ready to work and make sure to protect our people and government. We want to make sure to play a clean game here," said Sablan, who is a former Commonwealth Development Authority director, tax auditor, and worked for the Mariana Islands Housing Authority.

Acting press secretary Ivan Blanco welcomed the three's confirmation. "That's good news. I'm pretty sure the governor would be pleased and

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# CPA sues Freedom Air for \$1.2M in unpaid lease

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority is suing the owner of Freedom Air for allegedly failing to pay over \$1.2 million in unpaid lease and utility services over its use of land, building, and space at the Saipan and Rota International Airports.

CPA is suing Aviation Services Ltd. for three counts of breach of contract lease, one count of breach of contract: airline use agreement, and three counts of trespass to land.

CPA, through counsel Matthew T. Gregory, asked the Superior Court to hold Freedom Air liable to pay unspecified damages, interest, court costs, and attorney's fees. CPA also

asked the court to remove Freedom Air from the Rota International Airport.

Gregory said that CPA sent Freedom Air notices on July 8, 2014, that CPA intends to terminate leases if the outstanding rent was not paid within 30 days. Gregory said Freedom Air did not pay and did not attempt to remedy the default.

The 2008 lease agreement between CPA and Freedom Air for the latter's use and occupancy of two lands at the Saipan International Airport for 15 years requires Freedom Air to pay CPA \$313.80 monthly. The lease also requires that for each succeeding five-year term of the lease, the rental rate shall increase by 20 percent.

A separate 15-year lease

agreement for another piece of land at the Saipan International Airport required Freedom Air to pay CPA \$1,000 per month. Again, the lease requires that the base rental rate shall increase by 20 percent for each succeeding five-year term.

Freedom Air's year-to-year lease at the Rota International Airport was inked in 1998, and requires the airline company to pay CPA \$300 per month. The lease further requires that the rental shall increase by 20 percent every five years. Freedom Air was also supposed to pay for all utility services to the premises.

According to Gregory in the complaint, Freedom Air began a pattern of regularly defaulting on its obligation to pay

the monthly rental starting on March 1, 2011, for both Saipan airport leases. He said Freedom Air has not paid rent for the period beginning March 1, 2013 and continuing today.

For the Rota airport, Gregory said that Freedom Air began a pattern of defaulting in its obligation to CPA on Dec. 31, 2010. He said that, on June 30, 2013, Freedom Air also began a pattern of defaulting in its obligation to pay utility payments to CPA.

The lawyer said Freedom Air has not paid rent since Dec. 31, 2010, up to now and has not paid for utility services from Nov. 30, 2013, and ending May 31, 2014.

Aviation Services filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy before

the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in the District of Guam in

September last year. The case was dismissed on July 28, 2014.

## Isla Financial sues wife of disbarred lawyer

Isla Financial Services is suing disbarred lawyer Ramon Quichocho's wife, Frances, for alleged failure to pay a \$9,641.94 loan she obtained last year.

Isla Financial, through counsel S. Joshua Berger, asked the Superior Court to hold Frances Quichocho liable to pay for damages totaling \$9,641.94, plus interest, court costs, and attorney's fees.

*Saipan Tribune* emailed the

Quichocho couple for comments. There was no reply as of press time. The Quichochoes were last reported to be in Tacoma, Washington.

Berger stated in the complaint that Frances Quichocho obtained a \$10,000 loan from Isla Financial Services in October 2013. As of Aug. 12, 2014, she is in default in the principal amount of \$9,641.94, Berger said. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

## GLOWING

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The committee is looking to have a decision by the first week of November, he said.

Earlier, consultants Ricondo & Associates presented CPA with three options: a successor master agreement, a duty-free retail concession agreement, or a duty-free retail concession agreement-prepaid.

Toves said the committee has a "bit of an issue" in regards to Public Law 4-60 that sets up the parameters for these options, particularly on the law's definition of a master concession.

"The current [MCA] is not part of the alternative in terms of the statute, the way it was written. A master concession as defined by the statute is that the concessionaire will have to operate duty-free shops in all ports of entry. That means all six ports of entry [in the

CNMI]," he said.

How the board came up with the "watered down" master concession agreement is something that the committee is now reviewing, he said.

"The way I'm reading [the MCA], it is in violation of the statute," he said, but added that the committee is looking into the legal opinion that allowed this at that time.

According to Ricondo, the current MCA is no longer exclusive to each and every port, as it no longer applies to Rota and Tinian. Ricondo called a concession program at these locations "impractical."

They based this on historical passenger numbers and the zero direct flights to international destinations from these airports.

However, they said the economy and infrastructure of Tinian and Rota airports may improve in the future.

On seaports, Ricondo also pointed to low passenger num-

bers as one reason a concessionaire would unlikely view programs there as profitable.

"It is very likely that these stores would lose money," the report stated.

Toves, who is from Rota, echoed Ricondo's recommendations.

"The number of flights does not warrant for a shop the size of duty-free or something to that effect. It's going to be a losing proposition for any concessionaire to open shop," he said.

Also, there are no facilities at the seaport on Rota or on Tinian to satisfy the requirements of the statute, according to Toves.

He described public comments as a "major factor" for him as a member of the board moving forward.

CPA confirmed with port managers on Rota and Tinian that no comments on the matter have been submitted from these islands.

Nevertheless, there is another

"angle" that can be taken in satisfying the statute, Toves said.

"The majority of the population is here on Saipan so that gives way for the board to be a little more considerate that it does benefit the Commonwealth as a whole because the majority is here," he said.

Toves could not confirm if CPA has received testimony from a firm outside the CNMI expressing interest as a potential bidder.

Last Thursday's public hearing was packed, with many of the over 200 participants left standing to crowd the corners, back, and entrance of the room.

No one at the hearing spoke against DFS continuing its MCA with CPA.

Rather, comments from private citizens, leaders in government and the business community, spoke in glowing terms of the vital role DFS has played in the island's economy and community.

## FORMER

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Sablan parked his dirt bike in a cabin before proceeding by foot and eventually finding Joe near a creek.

She also belied reports that Joe lost his way and most of his gear after falling from a ravine, that he was listening to island music on an MP3 player, and that he was tracking an elk before getting lost.

"He did trip several times but we don't know exactly where he lost his gear. He was not tracking an elk, too. No, he was singing a certain song by Alex Sablan in his head. How he got lost is a long story."

As a testament to Joe's caring nature, Cathy shared that not long after being found Joe went out of his way to ask one of the local search crew if he was all right.

Cathy added that as soon as Joe is well he would be talking to *Saipan Tribune* and share his amazing escape from the Idaho

County wilderness.

With regards to finally eating his favorite food after being rescued, Cathy said it was a case of delayed gratification.

"Yes, he did get his wish to eat a cheeseburger, fries, and milkshake but when we got to the [hospital], the doctor didn't allow him to eat right away because he hasn't had food for a long time so it had to come slowly."

Cathy said their two boys also immediately came to visit the hospital after Joe's rescue. "Ton and Jon already visited. They're here."

As for family and friends back home, she said she couldn't thank them enough for all the prayers.

"It was the prayers that sustained him all the time he was lost and he was able to emerge from the wilderness unharmed. Thank you to everyone for your prayers. Joe personally said it was the prayers that kept him alive. He never complained that it was cold out there. He just said, 'trust in the Lord.' He said

he is still alive because of his will to survive and faith in the Lord."

Cathy said the family is taking its cue from the hospital and Joe's doctors as to when he will be discharged and allowed to go home. "We don't know yet. We're not going to rush it."

As for Joe's hunting career, Cathy said their sons already gave Joe their 2 cents worth on the matter. "I don't know. Our two boys told him not to hunt anymore. Maybe he'll just stay in the camp and he could be the cook."

The evening before Joe was found, his eldest brother, Andrew Salas, said that experts in Boise were about to give up on the search as a cold front was about to envelope the search area.

Fighting off tears, Andrew said after much consideration he was ready to board a plane and still attempt a last-ditch search for Joe.

The Idaho County Sheriff's office separately confirmed early Friday morning, Saipan time,

that Salas has been found alive.

In a posting a little over 6am on its Facebook page, the sheriff's office said Salas is currently en route to a medical facility. The posting added that further information would be provided once it becomes available.

Social media was abuzz over the weekend with messages congratulating the Salas family for Joe's safe return and thanking search crews for bringing him back home.

Online fundraising efforts also exceeded original targets as the www.gofundme.com account to help the family with expenses for the search, as of 5pm yesterday, had a total of \$5,680 in donations, while Joe and Cathy Salas funding at www.youcaring.com has close to \$1,000 in donations.

Salas is a former president of the Saipan Little League Baseball Association, a former staff of the House of Representatives, and a former manager of a garment factory in Tanapag. He is also a former U.S. Army Ranger.

## CASINO

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appreciative of the [SNILD's] approval of his nominees so we can finally get the work going sooner than later."

JGO committee chair Rep. Christopher Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) is relieved that everyone can now tackle the business of regulating the Saipan casino industry.

"The point is Public Law 18-56 has been a law for 90 days. That's already too long and we haven't had the commissioners to start putting in place regulations for this mega casino investment. That's one of the concerns."

Senate floor leader Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan) said he's been pushing for the confirmation not only of Sablan, Santos, and Reyes but also the original group made up of Santos,

former senator Maria Frica T. Pangelinan, and businessman David C. Sablan because the casino law has already been passed for a long time.

"We need to regulate [the casino] so why are we procrastinating in confirming nominees from the governor? The only conclusion of this and I can't help but think is political. I'm not only frustrated but also agitated that before today, every attempt [to have the nominees confirmed have been blocked]. I'm relieved and now we can regulate this casino. It needed to be regulated from Day 1."

Under the Saipan casino law, the Saipan Casino Commission is supposed to come up with regulations and regulate the casino industry, among other things.

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## Kilili recognized nationally for work on food security

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan has been recognized for his work on legislation that helps people have enough to eat. Food Policy Action, an organization of national food policy leaders, awarded Sablan with a perfect 100 percent on its scorecard for the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress. Only 53 House Members received the top score.

The National Food Policy Scorecard is intended to give voters the information they need to "vote with their forks" and elect more food policy leaders across the country. Food Policy Action's board of directors includes Ken Cook, president of the Environmental Working Group; Tom Colicchio, head judge of *Top Chef*; Gary Hirshberg, co-founder and chairman of Stonyfield Farm; and Wayne Pacelle, president of the Humane Society of the United States.

Increasing food security for Northern Marianas families has been a focus on Sablan's work in Congress. He won an additional \$32.5 million for food assistance for the Northern Marianas in Public Law 113-79, signed by the President on Feb. 7, 2014.

Sablan was able to get the increase even though the Republican majority in the U.S. House

of Representatives cut funding for food assistance by \$9 billion nationwide in the new law. Only the Northern Marianas was singled out for an increase.

Sablan also achieved a long-standing goal of getting the Department of Agriculture to recognize the higher cost



Sablan

of food for families on Rota, Tinian, and the Northern Islands. In April, the department announced that it would allow benefits for Rota and the Northern Islands to go up 62 percent. Benefits for Tinian were increased 28 percent.

For a family of four on Rota or one of the Northern Islands, benefits went from \$444 per month to \$719, beginning in May. On Tinian benefits for a family of four increased to \$568. The department is currently reviewing a proposal for an increase for Saipan families.

### P.L. 113-79 puts NMI on path to SNAP

Section 4013 of Public Law 113-79 creates a special "Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Pilot Program," a five-year pathway for the Northern Marianas to be included in the national food stamp program, SNAP. The pilot program provides \$13.5 million to the Commonwealth

to raise benefits closer to the national level beginning next October. Another \$8.5 million is also available for each of the following two fiscal years.

Sablan was able to achieve this goal by moving to the House Agriculture Committee in 2011. The Committee was beginning its work on reauthorization of the "farm bill," which includes the food stamp program and which occurs every five years. Sablan joined the Committee's Subcommittee on Nutrition, which has jurisdiction over SNAP and he made the appeal for increased benefits for families in need in the Marianas at numerous Subcommittee hearings.

The Chairman of the Agriculture Committee, Republican Frank Lucas of Oklahoma, visited the Northern Marianas this August and commented on the difficulties of passing the farm bill. Some members of Congress, Republicans and Democrats, were not as focused as they should have been, Lucas told local reporters. "But your member, Congressman Sablan, was very supportive from the very first step in the farm bill.

"He showed a willingness to want to know and work on issues that are not only important to the Commonwealth but also important in passing the overall farm bill, important to meeting the needs of everyone in this

great country."

Sablan's dedication and willingness to work hard paid off for the Marianas, when Lucas agreed to include the food stamp increase for the Northern Marianas in the larger farm bill.

Sablan has been criticized by some in the Northern Marianas who say that SNAP will be too expensive for the Commonwealth government to administer. But a study by former Commonwealth Finance Secretary Bob Schrack, commissioned by Sablan, concluded that SNAP would encourage economic growth and, actually, raise net revenues for the Commonwealth government.

"The food stamp program is good for businesses and creates jobs," Sablan has explained. "That additional \$30.5 million worth of food included in P.L. 113-79 will have to be unloaded

at the port, trucked to the store, put on the shelf, and rung up at the cash register. All of that activity adds to our economy and puts people to work.

"It also means new tax revenues for the Commonwealth government: about \$6 million."

### Enough to eat

Sablan's work to increase food assistance has also been attacked for encouraging "dependency," a charge he is quick to rebut.

"Three-quarters of the people who are getting food assistance in the Northern Marianas are children," Sablan says. "Out of 8,000 people on food stamps almost 6,000 are kids. And another 2,000 are people who stay at home to take care of little ones or who are disabled, or old, or actually working but not making enough to feed their families.

"Those are the people I am working for.

"I suppose there are always a few who try to take advantage of the system. But I'm not going to take food away from children or the elderly just to punish a few cheaters or because a few commentators on Fox News look down their noses at people who need help.

"Feed the hungry: that's what I learned at church and that's what my culture teaches.

"Besides without enough food, children's bodies don't develop, their brains don't develop, they don't do well in school. And as all politicians love to say: those children are our future.

"We have both a moral and a cultural imperative to make sure everyone has food," Sablan said. "But there is the practical reason, too. We cannot afford to starve our future leaders." (PR)

## NMDC to host forum for gubernatorial bets

The Northern Marianas Descent Corp., its board, and corporation president Herman R. DeLeon Guerrero announced Friday that it will be hosting its first Gubernatorial / Lt. Gubernatorial Forum on Saturday, Oct. 25, 2014, at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupi, from 6pm to 8:30pm.

The forum is sponsored by NMDC in association with and with assistance from the Associated Students of Northern Marianas College and Northern Marianas College,

who will serve as moderators, ushers, and timekeepers.

NMDs represent the majority of registered voters in the NMI and are unequivocally a politically, legally, constitutionally recognized political and cultural group and collective landowners of their homeland.

The forum is another opportunity to listen to, learn from, and understand the perspectives and positions of the four gubernatorial tandem candidates who are aspiring to lead the Northern Marianas over the next four, and

possibly eight, years.

The NMDs and general public are invited to attend the forum for free and become better informed and educated voters.

NMDC is a legally chartered, duly licensed non-profit organization that was established to promote, advocate, and advance the general welfare and public interest of all people of NMDs, including indigenous Chamorro and Rofaluwasch. Contact NMDC at 670nmd@gmail.com for more information. (NMDC)



## INVITATION FOR BIDS WATER TASK FORCE IFB14-GOV-147



Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the CNMI Water Task Force, is soliciting sealed bids for the Gualo Rai Reservoir Replacement, Gualo Rai, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

A bid guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of the Treasury (T-Listed).

The Contractor will be required to submit payment and performance bonds from a US Treasury listed company. The Contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal laws including the Davis Bacon Act.

This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the project approval from OIA.

The project consists, in general, but is not limited to:

- Construction of New Concrete Gualo Rai Reservoir with stairs and accessories.
- Demolition and removal of existing Gualo Rai Welded Steel Tank to include but is not limited to its tank concrete foundation and appurtenances.
- Modification of existing water supply pipes and other incidentals to complete the work per plans and specifications.
- Installation of Temporary Water Tanks, piping, fittings and chlorination/
- Construction of Chain Link fence and retaining walls.
- Removal of temporary facilities and control
- Pressure testing and chlorination of new tank and waterlines.
- Asphalt paving.
- Construction activity to not interrupt existing water service to the area.

A non-refundable payment of \$500 to CNMI Treasury is required for each set of Plans, Specifications, and Proposal Forms, available on or after **September 22, 2014** at the Water Task Force Office, 1316 Anatahan Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan. A mandatory pre-bid conference for this project is scheduled at **10:00 a.m., on October 3, 2014**, at the WTF Conference Room, Saipan. A project site visit will be made as a part of the pre-bid meeting.

All inquiries shall be in writing and addressed to Pedro Sasamoto, Program Manager, Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 or faxed to (670) 664-2279. Inquiries must be received no later than 4:30 PM on **October 2, 2014**.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, contained in the CNMI Administrative Code, Title 70 Subchapter 70-30.3-301. Preference is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Sealed bids must be marked **"IFB14-GOV-147"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 2:00 pm local time **October 22, 2014**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 2:00 pm local time **October 22, 2014**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to [procurement@pticom.com](mailto:procurement@pticom.com). For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **October 22, 2014**, and must be received no later than October 31, 2014. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 3:00 pm local time, **October 31, 2014**. However, if no Notices of Intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 3:00 pm local time on **October 22, 2014**.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ELOY S. INOS  
Governor

/s/HERMAN S. SABLAN  
Director, Procurement & Supply



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP14-GOV-150



### Legal Services For Water Task Force (Funded by the Dept. of Interior)

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the CNMI Governor's Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed Proposals from qualified individuals or firms for Legal Services for the Water Task Force on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). This contract for professional services will be funded by grant funds from the Office of Insular Affairs, U.S. Department of Interior.

The proposal package will be available on or after **September 29, 2014** at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan or by request faxed to (670) 664-1515.

All questions concerning this proposal shall be submitted in writing no later than **4:30 PM October 10, 2014** to Pedro Sasamoto, WTF Program Manager (facsimile) number: (670) 664-2279.

The proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, NMAIC 70-30.3. Preference is not available to local proposers in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Proposals must be sealed and marked **"Legal Services" RFP14-GOV-150**. One (1) original and four (4) copies must be submitted. Proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply, at Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **3:00pm, October 29, 2014 (CNMI Local time)**.

The CNMI reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so will be in the best interest of the CNMI. All proposals shall become the exclusive property of the CNMI Government.

/s/ELOY S. INOS  
Governor

/s/HERMAN S. SABLAN  
Director, Procurement & Supply



## 20 known cases of blood disorders in CNMI



JAYSON CAMACHO

Marianas Health physical therapist Pam Carhill, third from left, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. pediatrician Dr. Tiffany Lin, and volunteers raise awareness on bleeding disorders among woman at the Garapan Street Market last week.

By **JAYSON CAMACHO**  
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REPORTER

About 20 people on Saipan and Tinian have been diagnosed with blood disorders, according to Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. pediatrician Dr. Tiffany Lin and Marianas Health physical therapist Pam Carhill.

During an outreach last Thursday at the Garapan Street Market to raise awareness about bleeding disorders, the two disclosed that 20 people have been diagnosed with either hemophilia or Von Willebrand's Disease on Saipan and Tinian.

Hemophilia is a rare bleeding disorder in which the blood doesn't clot normally. It is usually passed on from parents to children.

Von Willebrand's Disease is a condition that can cause extended or excessive bleeding in which the condition is inherited and in rare cases may develop later in life.

Lin said there are very few people in the CNMI who are aware of bleeding disorders that affect women and they are trying to raise awareness of this malady, "particularly Von Willebrand's Disease, because it is something that you can be born with and run in families...and I would like to find the number of people [on Saipan] who do have it and make sure that they get the right medicines and treatment that they need."

Undiagnosed bleeding disorders can lead to severe bleeding into the brain, severe joint damage and death after small accidents, childbirth, or dental procedures.

Lin told *Saipan Tribune* that people who may have concerns about bleeding disorders can consult their primary care doctor such as an internal medicine doctor, an obstetrician or gynecologist, or a pediatrician.

"They also can refer the patient to me. I am able to see kids at the Children's Clinic of the Commonwealth Health Center. I am working on being able

### » CHCC, Marianas Health urge woman to undergo checkup

to see adults, so it's a work in progress," Lin said.

Carhill of Marianas Health said that she has worked with bleeding disorder patients for quite a few years.

In an email to *Saipan Tribune* over the weekend, Carhill said their efforts to raise awareness of this disorder will continue with an educational conference in December.

The conference will be sponsored by the Maternal and Child Health Division of Public Health and will include a family day for patients and families to learn more about their disease, interact with the newly formed bleeding disorder team, and create a community of support.

"The addition of this specialty care in bleeding disorders will improve healthcare in the CNMI and is a unique medical service that is not available elsewhere in Micronesia," Carhill stated.

Carhill stated that if any of your loved one has had easy bruising, nosebleeds that don't stop unless seen by a doctor, menstrual periods that last over seven days every month, bleeding into the muscle or joint, or needed a blood transfusion for an unexpected reason, they should contact their doctor for evaluation and referral to the hematology team.

The hematology team is coordinated through Carhill at Marianas Health.

For more information on bleeding disorder call Marianas Health at 233-4646 or visit [www.hemophilia.org](http://www.hemophilia.org) or [www.nhlbi.nih.gov/guidelines/vwd](http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/guidelines/vwd) for more information.

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## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-15-001

#### Steel Roof Enclosure for CUC Rota Power Plant Used Oil Secondary Containment No. 1, Songsong Village Rota, CNMI

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced construction firms for Steel Roof Enclosure for CUC Rota Power Plant Used Oil Secondary Containment No. 1 in Songsong Village, Rota.

Contractor shall provide and pay for all the labor, materials, tools, equipment, transportation, temporary construction of every nature and all other services and facilities necessary to execute, complete and deliver the work within the specified time frame.

A pre-proposal site visit is scheduled for 10:00 AM (ChST) on October 30, 2014 at the Rota power plant. All potential proposers are encouraged to attend, to familiarize themselves with the site conditions. However the site visit is not mandatory for the potential proposers, owing to the difficult logistics and uncertain air transport.

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers for this RFP must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division by November 7, 2014, 10:00 AM (ChST) to be considered.

**One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC RFP -15-001, Steel Roof Enclosure for CUC Rota Power Plant Used Oil Secondary Containment No. 1" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than November 18, 2014 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**.

The Proposer is required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page – <https://marianaslabor.net/>.

A **Proposal Guarantee** of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A **Payment Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent and a **Performance Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Proposer due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers. All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on October 24, 2104 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, CUC Stipulated Order 2 Project Coordinator via email address [venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org](mailto:venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN W. FLETCHER  
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Purchasing Officer,  
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# Doyle is new medical director for CHC

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. has a new medical director, Dr. John Doyle, according to CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muña.

In a statement over the weekend, Muña said that Dr.

Sharleen Osman stepped down last Friday after two years of occupying the position. She will, however, remain as the medical director for the Dialysis Unit at the Commonwealth Health Center.

Doyle, who will serve as the hospital's medical director for two years, has been with the

internal medicine department and the emergency department for over a year now.

According to Muña, Doyle is not one to say no to helping CHCC. He's covered the infectious disease department, the mental health,

» Osman steps down but still medical director for dialysis

would like to welcome him as

new member of the CHC governing body and CHCC board. We should all extend our gratitude and appreciate Dr. Osman," Muña said.

Osman was instrumental in resolving many of the hospital's deficiencies that were cited by the Centers for Medical and Medicaid Services. Osman is also credited with bringing the standards of care at CHC to a much

higher level.

"Dr. Osman also helped tremendously in the launching of the electronic health records. It is certainly difficult to participate in the administrative decision making while being the physician and even more difficult when you're caring for complex cases of patients, such as end stage renal disease and we cannot thank her enough," Muña said.

## Close to 200 men walk against domestic violence

By JAYSON CAMACHO  
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About 191 men wearing skirts marched alongside their wives and children in Garapan on Saturday to raise awareness against domestic violence in the Commonwealth.

Dignitaries such as Superior Court Associate Judge Ken Govendo, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP),

Rep. George N. Camacho (R-Saipan), and Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan) joined the walk with other members of the public.

The walk started from Garapan Fishing Base to the Wild Bill's road, then toward Garapan Middle Road up to the CNMI Museum road, and then back to Garapan Fishing Base.

Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence chair Angel Nimwes said the walk was part of the Domestic Violence Awareness Month's "Day of Unity"

where men show support for the fight against domestic violence. "The skirts showed solidarity and they are making a statement that they don't support domestic

violence," Nimwes said.

NMCADSV board chair Eulalia Villagomez said they chose skirts this year because they wanted to keep it to a more island theme.

Govendo, who handles the Family Court, said he was happy with the great turnout and the walk.

"It shows the community uniting against domestic violence, which is exactly what we need because we always have to be vigilant against domestic

violence. It is a never ending battle," Govendo said.

Sablan said the walk brought awareness to the community about those who suffer in silence.

"The NMCADSV has been bringing awareness and showing victims that there are resources that they could turn to for help. Men walking against domestic violence shows that there are men in the community that don't condone this," Sablan said.

It was the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of Unity that was hosted by NMCADSV

and the Family Violence Task Force and supporters.

A candlelight vigil was also held after the men's walk, to mourn and honor those who have lost their lives to domestic violence.

"It is also in support for those that are victims and survivors by saluting their strength and courage and that there are those that want to help them. This helps connect everyone in the community to come together," Nimwes said.



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SEALED PROPOSALS for **PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) 1,500-GALLON AIRCRAFT RESCUE AND FIRE FIGHTING (ARFF) VEHICLE** to the **FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SAIPAN, COMMONWEALTH OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP No. 3-69-0002-76**, will be received at the office of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, PO Box 501055, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950.

Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Procurement and Delivery of One (1) 1,500-Gallon ARFF Vehicle to the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Saipan, CNMI, AIP No. 3-69-0002-76", and submitted no later than **2:00 p.m., Friday, October 31, 2014**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The project, in general, consists of the procurement and delivery of one (1) brand new aircraft rescue fire fighting vehicle in accordance with the specifications.

A CD-Rom containing the contract documents including specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)** for each set of documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Those bidders that picked up a CD from the August 22, 2014 advertisement need not submit payment for the new CD. However, a copy of the receipt should be presented before acquiring new CD.

The procurement is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for procurement and delivery in its entirety shall be **THREE HUNDRED SIXTY (360) CALENDAR DAYS**. Liquidated damages of **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)** shall be assessed the awarded bidder for each calendar day the completion of the delivery is delayed beyond the completion date without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, **10:00 AM, FRIDAY, October 17, 2014**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 60-25 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract.

Each bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", a "Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities", and the "Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation", and all other required forms and information as required, stipulated and contained in the bid proposal documents and specifications, with the submission of the Bid Proposal.

The proposed agreement is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension.

The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A bidder having 50 or more employees and any subcontractor having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) or more, will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the specifications. To be eligible for award, each bidder must comply with the affirmative action requirements.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award of any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.

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The proposed contract is under and subject to the foreign trade restrictions required by 49 CFR Part 30, Denial of Public Works Contracts to Supplier of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors.

The Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 provides that preference be given to steel and manufactured products produced in the United States when funds are expended pursuant to a grant issued under the Airport Improvement Program.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI  
Chairman of the Board/Contracting Officer

Date: October 9, 2014



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# Fed court resets sentencing of ex-CHC employee

The federal court has delayed the sentencing of Melvin G. Ada, a former employee of the Commonwealth Health Center who pleaded guilty to 56 charges for misappropriating

and diverting over \$1.7 million in government funds. U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona moved Ada's sentencing from Oct. 23, 2014,

to Feb. 3, 2015, after the prosecution and defendant's counsel filed a joint motion to reset the date. Manglona said objections to the U.S. Probation Office's pre-

sentence report shall be due on or before Jan. 15, 2015. In a joint motion, Assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe and Ada's counsel, Colin Thompson, asked the court to hold the

sentencing hearing until after the trial of Ada's wife, Leyda.

The parties believe that if Ada testifies on Jan. 8, 2015, at his wife Leyda's trial, the truthfulness or untruthfulness of that testimony would be an important factor for the court to consider in crafting an appropriate sentence.

Backe and Thompson said setting Ada's sentencing after would give him greater opportunity to cooperate with the U.S. government, which could impact his sentence.

Ada pleaded guilty to 19 counts of theft or embezzlement, nine counts of health care fraud, and 28 counts of money laundering as part of a plea deal with the U.S. government.

Ada's original sentencing date was March 7, 2014.

Manglona allowed Ada to remain free until his sentencing date.

Ada was previously assigned as a medical supply specialist at CHC. Leyda used to be a sales representative for Midwest Medical Supply Co. Inc., a Missouri-based company that had supplied dialysis consumables and equipment to CHC.

Leyda is facing charges that she conspired with her husband in a health care and food stamp fraud. Mark Hanson is her court-appointed counsel.

Leyda has pleaded not guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering, one count of money laundering, five counts of mail fraud, one count of conspiracy to commit food stamp fraud, and one count of perjury. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### SHRM meeting to highlight OSHA and worker rights

The Society for Human Resource Management CNMI Chapter will be hosting a special presentation on the topic of "OSHA and Worker Rights" at its October General Membership meeting today, Oct. 20, 2014, at Charley's Cabaret, PIC, from 11:30am to 2pm.

SHRM's guest speaker, Jeffrey B. Romeo, OSHA Area Director, Honolulu, Hawaii, will be presenting this program. Romeo will be preceded by Agnes Manglona-McPhetres, chief executive officer of the Northern Marianas Trade Institute.

The presentation includes lunch at a cost of \$20 for SHRM members and \$30 for non-members. Seats are limited and can be reserved by contacting Nora Sablan by phone at 235-0994/8 or by email at Nora.Sablan@fhphealth.com or by contacting Micah Parico-Acuvera by phone at 234-1795 or by email at corpooffice@triplejsaipan.com. *(SHRM)*

### CCA board meeting tomorrow Oct. 21

The Commonwealth Cancer Association's board of directors will be holding its regular meeting tomorrow, Oct. 21, 2014, at 3pm at the CCA conference room. Agenda includes reports from the president and

program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the CCA at 682-0050 or email at cca@ccamarianas.org. *(CCA)*

### Air Force, Navy training on FDM, at Warning Area 517

The U.S. Air Force will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following times:

■ Oct. 20, 21 and 23, from 10am to 5pm

■ Oct. 21 and 23, from 7 - 11:59pm

■ Oct. 22, from 10am to 6pm

The U.S. Navy will also conduct training at Warning Area 517 on Oct. 21 and 22, from noon to 8pm

The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. W-517 supports surface and aerial gunnery, missiles, and laser exercises. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa

Reef and Galvez Bank. W-517 is contained within the following coordinates: 13° 10'N/144° 30'E, 13° 10'N/144° 42'E, 12° 50'N/144° 45'E, 11° 00'N/144° 45'E, 11° 00'N/143° 00'E, 11° 45'N/143° 00'E, 12° 50'N/144° 30'E. *(PR)*

### FOA membership meeting tomorrow

The Friends of the Arts will hold its membership meeting this Tuesday night, Oct. 21,

from 6:30pm to 9pm, at the Canton Chinese Restaurant, across from the Mobil/McDonald's in Garapan. The meeting will include musical and thespian entertainment. There will be more detailed discussion regarding the 2015 season and the opportunity to purchase season tickets. This year, in addition to the reduced cost of the tickets, each season ticket will allow you to bring a guest to each program without additional cost! *(PR)*

## PLEASE VOTE #2 JESUS MANIBUSAN CASTRO

### SPECIAL ELECTION SENATORIAL CANDIDATE

## VOTE FOR POSSIBILITIES!

Tirrowami yan Hafa Adai,

Friends and family and voting citizens of great Commonwealth.

It is that time of year again when we go out and cast our votes for our men and women seeking a seat for public office.

This year, I am one of your candidates running for Senate armed with a steadfast conscience to serve the interest of our people here on Saipan and abroad. My education experience, and contributions to our communities are reflective in my decision to run for office and fight for the very issues affecting the CNMI such as scholarship funding, youth programs, economic growth and employment.

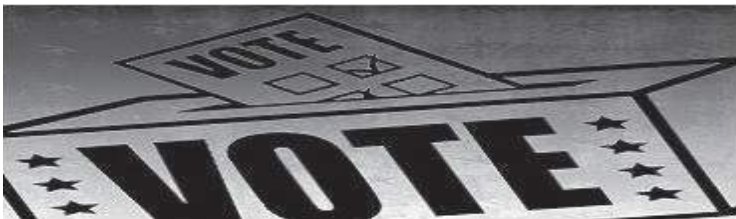
It is high time that we work together to make a difference in the lives affecting our people. It is time to vote with passion for individuals aiming change and not for their self-serving interests.

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Whether it is house-to-house or using a social network to interact with our people is just as effective when done solo. You get to hear the people out loud and their concerns.

Please support me on this path and I will be your VOICE for the next two years.



#### EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE


Marianas High School	1971
University of Guam	1977
B.A., Elementary Education	
University of Southern California	1982
Certified Teaching in Middle School	
Guam Community College	1985
Fine Academy	
U.S. Army, Ft. Lewis WA	1999
Academy	
Hawaii National Guard HI	2001
Academy	

#### U.S. ARMY CERTIFICATIONS


Primary Leadership Training	1983
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Nuclear Biological Chemical Training	1984

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M.U. Lujan Elementary School, Guam	1975-1976
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St. Francis School	1976-1978
New Piti Elementary School, Guam	1978-1981
Aguida Middle School	1982-1986
Hopwood Junior High School, Saipan	1986-1988
US AR-G U Trainer/Instructor	1986-2003
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CNMI Fire Department, Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Chief/Fire Director	1988-1995
US AR-G U Retired	2003



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**NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE DCRM AGENCY OFFICIALS**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider through the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) hereby give notice that a DCRM Agency Officials Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2014, at 10:00 A.M. at the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality Office, 3rd floor of the GRC Building located in Gualo Rai, Saipan.

**AGENDA**

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

a) Call to Order

b) Roll Call

II. PERMIT APPLICATION

Proposed Tinian Municipal Transfer Station – Request to amend the Tinian Landfill DCRM Permit No. TMS-2009-X-080 to include the Tinian Municipal Transfer Station

1. Project Summary

2. Discussion by DCRM Agencies/DCRM

3. Project Status

III. OTHER MATTERS

IV. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. (Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Agencies may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/ FRANCES A. CASTRO  
Director, DCRM



# Opinion

Hafa Adair!

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### EDITORIAL

## In US, an Ebola crisis of confidence

Even as U.S. health authorities continue to tell Americans not to worry about the Ebola virus, their assurances are being undercut by the increasingly obvious deficiencies in domestic planning. Thomas Frieden, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has repeatedly been forced to back away from his calming assertions that U.S. hospitals were ready for the disease and that the nation's quarantines were more effective than those in Africa and would keep any infected people at home.

Frieden has now had to acknowledge that protocol breaches probably led to two Dallas hospital nurses becoming infected with Ebola. And a national nurses union is contending that from the start, the hospital personnel who cared for Liberian traveler Thomas Eric Duncan were outfitted with inadequate protective gear and told to patch up any gaps with tape.

What's more, the nation's voluntary quarantines have proved ineffective; Duncan's family ventured out into the community despite being warned not to. Now they are required to stay at home and are being supervised to make sure they do so. And members of an NBC News reporting crew that had returned to the United States from West Africa—including the organization's chief medical correspondent, a doctor—agreed to a voluntary quarantine after a cameraman tested positive for Ebola, and then violated it. Only later was their quarantine made mandatory.

On Wednesday, Frieden acknowledged that the second Dallas nurse to test positive for Ebola should not have been traveling on a commercial plane, which she did with a low-grade fever even though she and others knew she had been in close contact with the virus. Now the CDC is trying to contact the other passengers, though the risk of spread is considered very remote.

And in another worrisome development, some Ebola experts are questioning the common assumption that screening for fever is a surefire way to detect possible infectious Ebola cases. In the current West Africa outbreak, about 13 percent of people with the disease never developed fever.

The United States does not remotely have an Ebola crisis, but it is beginning to have a crisis of confidence in the Obama administration's handling of the matter.

President Obama made the right move early on when he offered \$1 billion worth of aid to West Africa. Substantial aid is not only a necessary humanitarian response, but the smartest way to prevent a global health problem.

Now the administration also must toughen up its response at home. That means required training for hospital staffs in recognizing and reacting to the disease, rules that ensure infected patients will be treated only in facilities equipped to handle the complicated protocols and mandatory quarantines of exposed people.

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"Didn't see this at Fashion Week..."

## Security in the Age of Ebola

Batanes in the northern Philippines wakes up to rooster crows from Formosa, but the neighboring folks cannot legally exchange chicken without the consent of Manila and Taipei. Sovereign borders are a creation of the nation-states that folks of Batanes ignored until Portugal and Spain, later China and Japan, made them pay attention to it. We know that European imperial forces fought over territories in the Pacific in the 18th and 19th centuries, leaving Spanish and German worldviews in Chamorro and Carolinian lifestyles.

For all the socialist bluster of Russia and the democratic aspirations of the United States, the reason the Kims are shooting at each other across the 38th is because of the two Koreas' alliances with the aforementioned entities. With the U.S. inheriting the mantle of British imperialism, it took the high road of "American exceptionalism" and "manifest destiny," while taking advantage of the cheap labor and accessible resources of their good will's recipients.

The former USSR had the good sense not to hang around No-Kor. The invisible hand behind South Korea and Japan heretofore have markings that read: USFK and USFJ. Meanwhile, every one is taught to sing "Michael row your boat ashore."

American business already knows war is profitable, and with the biggest military budget in the world, we are not about to give up conflict earnings. NATO and SEATO were not set up so folks can hold hands around the table and sing *Kumbaya*! We are no more interested in protecting Kurds in Kudani than blasting the bejesus out of the Islamic State.

Fishermen in an atoll close to the Philippines alerted their Chinese counterparts that the "police are coming" and that they should make themselves scarce. There was never any of "this atoll, this island is ours" when it came to fishing.

While living in Majuro in the Marshall Islands, we had Taiwanese fishing boats dock to replenish provisions. Boats from Japan go "whaling" in Oceania—Tasmania to the Aloha lands of the Pacific including Tahiti. Though engaged in catching the depleted resource of sharks and whale, dolphin that swim with the tuna, the fisherman were never called to account for their ethical norms.

Humankind rules over all earth creatures, with a social stratification developed in the last 6K years, rated according to race (pale top, dark bottom) and pedigreed schooling (Ha'vard and Harrow will do) on the one hand, and today, one's money-making ability in the nation-state of one's patrimony on the other.

Survival is, however, Mother Nature's prerogative, and in the evolutionary process, a critical ingredient in the transmittal of genetic information are little creatures "at the edge of life" too small for microscopes but may be filtered to be recognized and catalogued, parastates called *viruses*. Parasitical, they live off their

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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hosts; viruses by themselves are harmless until they start messing up with their hosts.

In the "civilized" understanding of how life is sustained on Earth, human chutzpah takes precedence over all living organisms in the food chain. Only when we have pandemic occurrences of diseases are we reminded that our pre-eminence is more humbug than innate skill.

Emergencies like the outbreak of viruses do not recognize nation-states. Ebola from West Africa now alarms the world, with the little critters playing games with Texas Health Presbyterian and Carlos III in Spain. Meanwhile, the tropical virus causing dengue wreaks havoc in China this year. Two mysterious viruses are infecting Columbia and Colorado girls. Though down with the ordinary sneeze in *Dong Bei* cold, it is still my immunity to a virus that determines my response to the added carbon in the air.

Genetic engineering, a cutting edge of our scientific endeavor, has been suggested to cause this viral proliferation, a consequence of our messing up with Mother Nature's processes. Regardless, viruses are not aberrations. Our bodies are full of them, and our primary posture to defend ourselves from it is more from the kneejerk response to threat from the religion of fear rather than the science of health.

Immunity develops in healthy bodies that co-exist with germs and viruses. Vaccines have short-term effect as the adaptation process often results in stronger strain we are supposed to be protected from. No, the human specie needs to mutate so that it can be healthy enough to live with germs and viruses rather than be obsessed with secure boundaries, most particularly the imagined ones like those developed by nation-states, as if a virus and germ would stop just because there is a political line in place!

In a recent trip to North America, friends and kin alike spent most of their time and resources in defense of their way of life, accent on "defense." Ninety percent in the expenditure vs. Ebola is combating fear. Our preoccupation with boundary security needs to mutate! Fear constricts the mind! Health is living *sans* fear. In our hands, not in the fear of the Ebola, lies destiny!



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# A reflection in political economy: A perspective in a US Commonwealth democracy

By **JUAN N. BABAUTA** and **JUAN S. TORRES**  
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

## First of a series

**T**he *Marianas Business Journal* this month asked Juan S. Torres and I for comments on the local economy and the public policy which requires certain essential skill sets, senior executive and job-related experiences that candidates must bring to the table, in order to make informed decisions and effectively navigate the Commonwealth out of the economic wreck that has been brought upon the people of the CNMI.

Juan S. Torres and I understand the import of a robust and thriving economy: it is front and center in our action agenda, just as the pocketbook pinch is certainly in the minds of most. Juan and I were asked pointed questions. We responded to the questions premised on our collective vision of hope and optimism for the prosperity and success of this great Commonwealth.

In this commentary, we briefly talked about our reflective tours in building and sustaining an economy; made reference to the pitfalls in the saying “I didn’t plan to fail, I only fail to plan”; talked about a military economy in the crown jewel of the Marianas; reflected on property rights in Article 12; and concluded by underscoring the gravity of the present economic malaise, which demands comparative skill set, knowledge base and senior executive advantage offered by all measures only by the Babauta-Torres choice of leadership—the only team of choice that does not require on-the-job training, a factor attributable to the causes of the present multitude of problems inundating the current government and the homeland.

## Listening tours and reflective vision research

Quite frankly, taking a pause over the years and spending quality time listening to our people from all walks of life, both in local communities and communities abroad, and then reflecting on what event, act of man, or act of God, that could be imagined in bringing the homeland to the present social-economic and financial debacle

and wreckage en masse, can only be ascertained through a referendum this election on the present government and the fleeting moments of performance outcome brought upon the Commonwealth by the power that be.

Our whirlwind listening tour has been sobering, hearing people from all walks of life lose hope in leaders that continue the Commonwealth in the present path of rampant suffering—from not knowing when their retirement check will come, the spiraling health care costs and outrageous utility costs, to the lack of air and ocean services to Guam, Rota and Gani Islands. Not having regular and direct air link to Asia, Pacific Rim countries, and the U.S. mainland bring little comfort to a litany of many everyday problems inundating the people, both residents, non-residents, tourists and visitors alike.

People obviously expect the quality of leadership and leaders that do not first ask you to make a change, but for the kind of leaders and leadership that lead the government to change, that is, for the government to change its approach to problem-solving by building consensus among all stakeholders. This change mantra will place the islands in the proper trajectory that bring home the hope, optimism, prosperity, and success for all!

Caring about our CNMI—our place of birth; our home of choice; and our home by association, involve thinking logically and deeply about the future of this great U.S. Commonwealth. This commitment requires us to be problem-solvers now, and not to delay or yield problem-solving to others tomorrow. This real time commitment requires that we define how we envision ourselves and our lives today and that of our children and their children in five, 10, or even 15-20 years and beyond that apply strategic and forward thinking in informing what we do today in building tomorrow.

## Building and sustaining an economy

On the query, “If, as governor, you could only take up one issue to encourage businesses to actively support the health of CNMI’s economy, what would it be?”

The Babauta-Torres Team will immediately restore investor, business, and consumer confidence upon taking the oath of office. Rec-

ognized experts in the field of economics and finance, such as noted economist Arthur Laffer, will be tasked to perform benchmark macro-economic and micro-economic analyses of the CNMI’s current economic landscape. These benchmarks will serve as guideposts in formulating robust policy recommendations aligning revenue generation with government spending policy. The analysis will also help to identify existing predatory, regulatory and trade policies that act as disincentives to innovation and expansion of existing businesses and discourage new investment.

Using a well-developed plan of macro- and micro-economic policy intervention, this new focus-driven, business-friendly environment should provide comfort in restoring investor confidence, which in turn will give the business community the needed rationale to re-invest a portion of their earned income and tax rebates in innovative business expansions, investment in technology (i.e., increased productivity) and socially beneficial projects, such as affordable housing, village-based day-care and elderly-care, learning centers, public transit busing, targeted higher education scholarships, cultural exchange programs, etc. The people of the CNMI should expect and demand the implementation of all programs to be planned-driven, maximizing economy of scale.

Specific actions in restoring investor, business and consumer confidence in the CNMI should incorporate the following components but not be limited to: (1) periodic executive-legislative business outreach and consultation; (2) periodic executive-legislative industry-site listening tours; (3) the pursuit of new investments in complementing industries to existing businesses as well as regionally-complementing industries; (4) the pursuit of targeted private-public partnership, results-driven trade missions to Asia, America, and Europe; (5) identification and removal of hostile and predatory regulatory and permitting requirements; (6) building throughout the executive agencies and autonomous agencies quality assurances and accountability mechanisms to ensure customer-friendly government; and (7) integrating silo-based geographic information system (GIS) into a uniform and comprehensive web-enabled economic development GIS technology. Most importantly, we must all demand that the entire government bureaucracy exists to serve its constituency! Government services must be customer-focused and customer-friendly. The people are the masters of government, not the other way around.

*To be continued.*

# Congress needs to take a stand on Islamic State fight

By **MICHAEL SMERCONISH**  
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

**W**hile President Barack Obama made a convincing case for military intervention against the Islamic State last week, there’s something else that should occur before the United States again pursues a strategy of war: It’s time for Congress to have an up-or-down vote on authorizing the use of force. Sadly, that doesn’t appear likely.

And not because Congress is too busy on other matters of similar import.

Last week, the House voted to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

And to rename the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Memorial as the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial.

Then there was HR 4651, which designated the U.S. Postal Service facility in Baytown, Texas, as the “Specialist Keith Erin Grace Jr. Memorial Post Office.”

It’s been the same in the Senate. Senators voted on the nomination of Henry J. Aaron, of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Social Security Advisory Board. And they approved the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Reauthorization Act of 2013. And authorized the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Albuquerque, N.M., to the Amy Biehl High School Foundation.

Meanwhile, there have been plenty of sound bites about the Islamic State, but not a lot of congressional action. This week, Congress may vote on one piece of the president’s plan, authorizing the U.S. military to train Syrian rebels to fight the Islamic State. But that’s not a declaration of war, which the gravity of the situation requires.

U.S. Rep. Jack Kingston, R., Ga., summed up the situation:

“A lot of people would like to stay on the sideline and say, ‘Just bomb the place and tell us about it later.’ It’s an election year. A lot of Democrats don’t know how it would play in their party, and Republicans don’t want to change anything. We like the path we’re on now. We can denounce it if it goes bad, and praise it if it goes well and ask what took him so long.”

I suspect some legislators are looking at then-Sen. Hillary Clinton’s vote to authorize the use of force in Iraq in 2002 as the type of albatross that comes from such votes. Others don’t want to stand for anything the president supports.

The president told congressional leaders he does not need their vote to wage war. According to the White House, Obama “has the authority he needs to take action against the Islamic State.”

Whether congressional approval is legally necessary is unclear. When hostilities arise, politicians and pundits interpret the Constitution, U.S. laws, and protocol differently. The Constitution recognizes the role of the president as “commander in chief,” but the War Powers Resolution says Congress needs to approve the use of U.S. troops for more than two months. There was, of course, a 2001 authorization for the use of force after the 9/11 attacks, but that was against al-Qaida, not the Islamic State. However, the president might look to the language of the 2002 resolution regarding Iraq.

“Legally, he will get away with it. The political question is the one that is more important,” explained Stephen G. Rademaker, an Assistant Secretary of State from 2002 to 2006 who is now a principal at the Podesta Group. Rademaker agrees with me that it is a mistake to go forward on a major undertaking like this without making sure that Congress is on board.

“Things don’t always go well with these operations,” Rademaker said. “It is much better to have Congress on board for the takeoff because then you know they have to be there with you for the landing. Members of Congress like to complain that they were not consulted, that the president did things without their approval. But on really hard questions like this, there are many times when members of Congress don’t want to take a stand.”

I think the American people are entitled to know exactly where our elected representatives stand—not from a media appearance, but from a vote. Accountability demands that people close the curtain on a ballot booth in November knowing whether their representative voted for or against the use of military force.

Going to war is a momentous decision. Placing men and women in harm’s way and at enormous financial consequence to the nation, should never be easy. Authorizing military force should be the stuff of ongoing debate and serious decision-making. We elected them to make these tough decisions.

So, members of Congress, our post offices and scenic rivers can wait. It’s time for you to face the most serious of responsibilities you were elected to do.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# UOG donation

The Calvo family donated \$3 million last November to the University of Guam’s 21<sup>st</sup> Century Redevelopment Plan. For the Calvos’ generous gift, the University of Guam recently changed the name of its Field House to the University of Guam Calvo Field House. In Friday’s *Pacific Daily News*, an article quoted Eduardo “Champ” Calvo who spoke at a UOG ceremony celebrating the new name of the Field House. Champ Calvo said, “We see that an investment in the university is a direct investment in our future.” Champ Calvo said his uncle Jerry Calvo encouraged the family to donate the money because “Guam’s future depends on the strength and success of the University of Guam.”

According to UOG Board of Regents chair William Leon Guerrero in the *PDN* article, the Calvo donation brought the UOG’s Five-Year Plan of raising \$30 million for its renovation project to about \$7 million.

As a local Saipan woman who is also an instructor at the Northern Marianas College, I believe that investments from the NMI business community in the Northern Marianas College are also “a direct investment in the future of our islands.” I hope the NMI business community will follow the Calvos’ example and give generous gifts to the NMC Foundation, because the future of the Northern Marianas “depends on the strength and success” of the Northern Marianas College.

**Lupe Camacho Borja Robinson**  
*Sadog Tasi, Saipan*



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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°

### Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Mostly Sunny	▲86 ▼78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼78
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲84 ▼79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼79
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▲84 ▼78
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▲84 ▼78
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼82

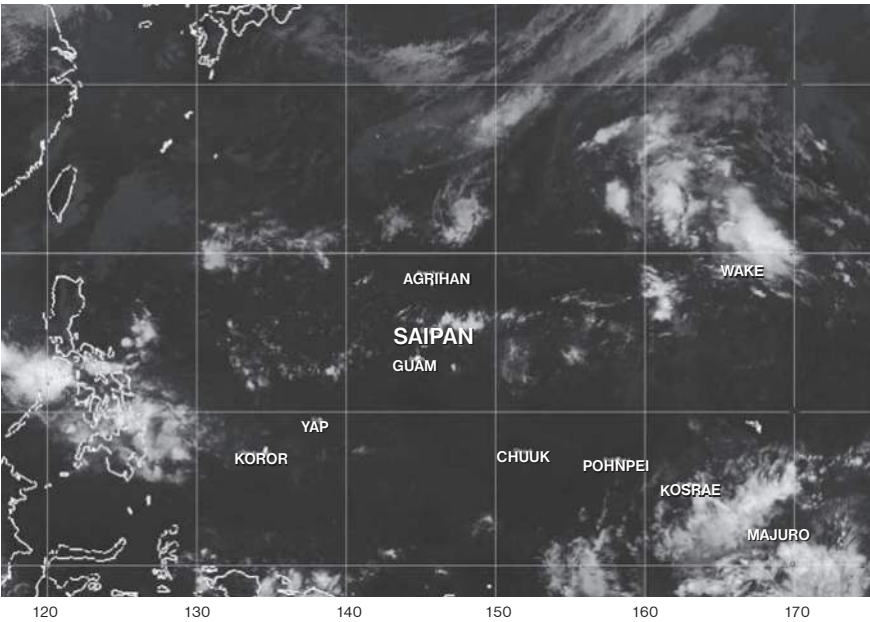
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲61 ▼50
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲63 ▼40
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲84 ▼75
Honolulu	Mostly Cloudy	▲85 ▼77
London	Mostly Cloudy	▲60 ▼54
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲79 ▼59
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼75
Melbourne	Sunny	▲79 ▼58
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲83 ▼74
New York	Mostly Cloudy	▲61 ▼53
Osaka	Rain	▲77 ▼66
Paris	Showers	▲59 ▼49
Pusan	Rain	▲70 ▼58
Rome	Showers	▲74 ▼64
Salem	Rain	▲64 ▼51
San Francisco	Showers	▲65 ▼55
Seoul	Showers	▲61 ▼44
Tokyo	Showers	▲72 ▼65
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲66 ▼53

### Tides

Saipan Harbor			
12:27 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.7 Feet
6:01 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
12:16 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet
6:32 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



### PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2014

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A shear line runs southwestward from 25N148E to 20N130E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are occurring within 80 miles of this boundary. An upper-level low centered northwest of Wake Island at 22N162E is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms mainly northwest of Wake Island between 25N and 19N from 158E to 168E. A surface trough extends southwestward from a weak circulation centered west of Wake Island at 19N159E to another circulation centered southeast of Guam at 13N146E. Scattered showers are found east of the Marianas within 100 miles of a line from 14N153E to 17N165E. Another surface trough runs southwestward from 11N180 to end at 1N161E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are located southeast of Kosrae and south of the Marshall Islands between 6N and the equator from 162E to 172E.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:10 AM	5:54 PM
Tuesday	6:10 AM	5:53 PM
Wednesday	6:10 AM	5:53 PM
Thursday	6:10 AM	5:52 PM
Friday	6:11 AM	5:52 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	2:56 AM	3:26 PM
Tuesday	3:43 AM	4:05 PM
Wednesday	4:31 AM	4:44 PM
Thursday	5:21 AM	5:25 PM
Friday	6:11 AM	6:09 PM

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DEPARTURES			ARRIVALS		
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN		
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am 3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am 3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm 6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm 6, 7
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm 1, 5	UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm 2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm 2, 4	UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm 1, 5
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm 1, 5	UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm 1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm 2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm 1, 5	UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm 1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)			GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)		
UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm 6, 7	UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm 2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN		
UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm 6, 7	UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm 2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)			PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN		
DL287	6:05am	11:30pm 2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	3:05pm 3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN		
DL287	6:05am	8:40am Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm Daily
DL297	4:20pm	7:20pm Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:30am+1 Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN		
QZ606	2:20am	6:00am 1	7C 3402	8:00am	1:25pm 5, 7
QZ606	2:50am	6:30am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	QZ603	8:50am	2:20pm Daily
7C 3401	2:20pm	6:30pm 5, 7	7C 3402	9:30am	2:55pm 1, 2, 3, 4, 6
QZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm Daily	QZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1 7
7C 3401	4:00pm	7:45pm 1, 2, 3, 4, 6	QZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN		
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am 1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1 3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN		
MU764A	4:00am	8:00am 4, 7	MU763A	6:50pm	2:30am+1 3, 6
MU764	4:00am	8:00am 1, 5	MU763	7:20pm	3:00am+1 4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)			GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN		
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SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN		
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UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am 3, 6, 7 via GUM	PR110/UA5043	7:35am	10:20pm 1, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm 2, 5 via GUM	DL172/288	7:55am	1:30am+1 Daily via NRT
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DL287/473	6:05am	10:20pm Daily via NRT	QZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5071/PR111	6:40am	4:50pm 3 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:25pm	7:30am+1 3 via GUM
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UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm 3 via GUM	UA184/5041	11:30pm	6:35pm+1 5 via GUM
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SAIPAN TO TINIAN			ROTA TO SAIPAN		
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# Faithful attend 2014 Public Square Rosary Rally



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Those who attended the Public Square Rosary Rally on Oct. 11, 2014, have their picture taken at the Filcom Pavilion in Susupe.

In celebration of the 97th anniversary of the miracle of the sun at Fatima, Portugal, more than 20 faithful attended the 2014 Public Square Rosary Crusade on Oct. 11 at the Filcom pavilion in Susupe.

Dr. Celia Lamkin, Rosary Rally captain for the CNMI and Guam, said that 20 faithful also attended the rosary rally at the Sunset Alupang Gardens in Guam. She said the faithful in Guam would like to continue

the same rosary rally every Saturday for the rest of the month of October.

On Saipan, the program started with the welcoming of the faithful followed by the universal Intentions of the Rosary rally

such as conversion of America and the world, to stop anti-religious hatred within society, for national and local leaders to seek to honor God’s law and prayed for the wisdom and knowledge necessary to solve

America’s and Commonwealth complex problems.

Sister Lucy Torres Reyes also gave special prayer requests for the healing of the sick, solutions to those who are suffering from severe personal problems and trauma, good physical and financial health of all participants, among other things.

Lamkin had a piano rendition for the song *Immaculate Mary*, The Angelus by Sister Jovy Brondo, the recitation of the rosary by Sister Lucy Reyes, Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary by Sister Cora San Gabriel, Prayer of Total Consecration by Sister Beng Tanghal, The Divine Praises by Sister Minda Domingo, and O Sanctissima by Lamkin.


Lamkin initiated the Public Square Rosary Rally in Guam in 2012 when she organized it and held it in a park pavilion in Tamuning, Guam. At first, the

rosaries were just held inside the church or church premises. But now, other religious groups hold the public square rosary rally in the park pavilions.

“I am very happy and feel so blessed with the success of the rosary rallies I organized on Saipan and Guam. I sincerely thank the Lord for making me continue my mission on this earth and to honor our Lady of Fatima. I just pray that next year, more people will participate,” she said.

The biggest public square rosary rally was in 2011 in front of the Mt. Carmel Cathedral in Susupe, which Lamkin organized with the late Escolastica “Esco” Cabrera. It was followed by one in Garapan Fishing Base in 2012 that was attended by a hundred faithful.

The public square rosary rallies on Saipan and Guam are one of more than 12,000 rosary rallies in America and all over the world. **(PR)**



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Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: *“Procurement and Delivery of One (1) 1,500-Gallon ARFF Vehicle to the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport, Rota, CNMI, AIP No. 3-69-0003-22”*, and submitted no later than **2:00 p.m., October 31, 2014**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The project, in general, consists of the procurement and delivery of one (1) brand new aircraft rescue fire fighting vehicle in accordance with the specifications.

A CD-Rom containing the contract documents including specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)** for each set of documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Those bidders that picked up a CD from the August 22, 2014 advertisement need not submit payment for the new CD. However, a copy of the receipt should be presented before acquiring new CD.

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The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are “responsive and responsible.” This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be “responsive or responsible”, their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, **10:00 AM, FRIDAY, October 17, 2014**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 60-25 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract.

Each bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the “Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause”, a “Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities”, and the “Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation”, and all other required forms and information as required, stipulated and contained in the bid proposal documents and specifications, with the submission of the Bid Proposal.

The proposed agreement is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension.

The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A bidder having 50 or more employees and any subcontractor having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) or more, will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the specifications. To be eligible for award, each bidder must comply with the affirmative action requirements.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award of any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.

Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards or requirements for employment of minorities.

The proposed contract is under and subject to the foreign trade restrictions required by 49 CFR Part 30, Denial of Public Works Contracts to Supplier of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors.

The Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 provides that preference be given to steel and manufactured products produced in the United States when funds are expended pursuant to a grant issued under the Airport Improvement Program.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI  
Chairman of the Board/Contracting Officer

Date: October 9, 2014



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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**



# Men's Walk Against Domestic Violence



Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Ind-MP), Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), and Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo hold the Domestic Violence Awareness Month's theme banner in preparation for the walk.



Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, board members, supporters and Family Violence Task Force members smile for *Saipan Tribune*.



Men in skirts prepare for the walk.



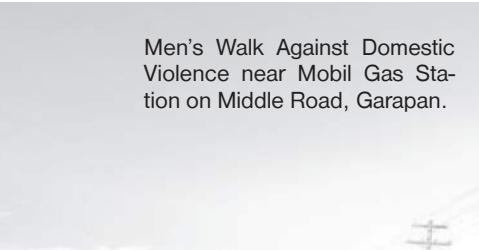
Community members, including Bridge of Light awardee Lauri Ogu-moro (front center) start the Men's Walk Against Domestic Violence.



Cars passing by honk at walkers in front of Lolipop's during the Men's Walk Against Domestic Violence.



A boy gets a temporary tattoo during the Day of Unity event by a volunteer painter.



Men's Walk Against Domestic Violence near Mobil Gas Station on Middle Road, Garapan.



Uncle Ben's Music and Dance Studio entertain guests during the Day of Unity event.



# UOG Field House is now the UOG Calvo Field House

The University of Guam community celebrated an historic event on Friday, Oct. 17, 2014, with the iconic UOG Field House renamed the University of Guam Calvo Field House. Through a committed donation of \$3 million, the Calvo family is supporting the university's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Capital Campaign and UOG's vision for a 21<sup>st</sup> Century campus.

Dr. Robert A. Underwood, UOG president; the UOG Board of Regents; the UOG Endowment Foundation board of directors; industry leaders; members from the business community; and the UOG community were present at the ceremony as the Field House's new name is revealed.

Jerry Calvo, a longtime supporter of the university and member of its Endowment Committee, said: "The University of Guam is such an important part of our past, present, and future, not only in Guam but throughout Micronesia. We feel blessed and privileged to be able to help the university with its fundraising efforts and capi-



The University of Guam Field House is renamed the University of Guam Calvo Field House.

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tal improvement campaign."

"We are humbled and thankful that the university has decided to honor the memories of my father E.T. Calvo and my brother Eddie Calvo today. Dad and Eddie exemplified the principles of hard work and giving back to the community and I am sure they are very proud and happy today as is our entire family," he added.

The patriarch of the Calvo

family, Eduardo Torres "Jake" Calvo, founded a number of extremely successful businesses that still prosper today. The Calvo family continues to help Guam flourish through contributions to the business, civic and political sectors on Guam. Now, higher education can be added to that list as this donation acknowledges the Calvo family as a "21<sup>st</sup>-Century Vi-

sionary" in the Triton Developers program—a fundraising strategy designed to attract different levels of support spread over a certain period of time.

Triton Developers are instrumental in building a 21<sup>st</sup> Century University because of the high levels of sponsorship through Naming Opportunities, which provide recognition across UOG's campus. The Cal-

vo family's generosity and support help the university to ensure another 60 years of growth and achievement.

Jesse Leon Guerrero, chairman of the UOG Endowment Foundation board of directors, said: "We are grateful for the generosity and commitment from the Calvo family. This gift highlights their pledge to the University of Guam community

and the people of Guam. Their donation will go toward fulfilling the mission and vision of the University of Guam by providing a 21<sup>st</sup> Century campus for many generations to come."

According to Dr. Underwood, "UOG is grateful to the Calvo family for their commitment. They are role models for community engagement and support for higher education." (UOG)



The Primary Grade Forensic Competition winners of the Green Meadow School have their photo taken after successfully competing on Oct. 11, 2014, at the San Antonio Middle School.

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## GMS students haul awards from PGFC

Congratulations to Green Meadow School students for successfully competing at the recent Primary Grade Forensic Competition on Oct. 11, 2014, at the San Antonio Middle School. We are very proud of you. Keep up the excellent work, Falcons! Thank you to school faculty, staff, parents and friends who helped prepare the students for the competition. Our sincere appreciation also goes to all those who served as judges.

### K-2 DIVISION:

- 1<sup>st</sup>, Readers Forum A: Zaira Angela Llagas, K5
- 1<sup>st</sup>, Impronu A: Solana Arro Hunter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
- 1<sup>st</sup>, Duo A: Chedlen Rose

Villanueva, K5; Justin Mallari, K5

■ 2<sup>nd</sup>, Impronu A, Jasmyne Tolentino, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

■ 2<sup>nd</sup>, Duo A: Nichole Angeline Llagas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade; Solana Hunter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

■ 2<sup>nd</sup>, Choral Speaking: Carmelo Banzagale, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade; Nelson Isaac Acaba, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade; Santino Adriel Malonzo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade; Raiden Jay Roquelara, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

■ 3<sup>rd</sup>, Duo A: Leonard Jake Regalado, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade; Philisimon Gregorio, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

■ 3<sup>rd</sup>, Choral Speaking: Carly Kate Dela Cruz, K5; Iyanah Rannin, K5; Jheyden Ablog, K5; Jillian Jade Concepcion, K5; Kaitlyn Drilon, K5

■ 4<sup>th</sup>, Humorous Interpretation A: Nelson Isaac Acaba, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

■ 4<sup>th</sup>, Readers Forum A: Ezra Alfred, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

■ 4<sup>th</sup>, Impronu A: Cheal-zka Navarro, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

■ 4<sup>th</sup>, Choral Speaking: Ezra Alfred, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade; Beatrice Ryza Fabre, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade; Lvinna Palma, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade; Zaira Angela Llagas, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade; Gwen Denise Lagmay, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

■ 5<sup>th</sup>, Choral Speaking: Lord Angelo Cosmo, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade; Eric Ferrer, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

■ 5<sup>th</sup>, Readers Forum A: Eric Ferrer, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

■ 5<sup>th</sup>, Readers Forum B: Leidy Audry Agacoscas, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

■ 5<sup>th</sup>, Impronu A: Beatrice Ryza Fabre, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

### 3 - 5 DIVISION:

■ 1<sup>st</sup>, Dramatic Interpretation A: Ariel Legaspi, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

■ 1<sup>st</sup>, Choral Speaking: Nicole Sacramento, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade; Kriselle Bryana Mitzy, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade; Drilon, Liana Daga, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade; Honey June Satur, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

■ 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dramatic Interpretation A: Jill Anne Marie Mallari, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

■ 2<sup>nd</sup>, Readers Forum A: Calvin Palma, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

■ 2<sup>nd</sup>, Humorous: Rownel Jody Coloma, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

■ 2<sup>nd</sup>, Duo A: Ariel Legaspi, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade; Kriselle Bryana Mitzy Drilon, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

■ 2<sup>nd</sup>, Choral Speaking: Lyndon Digno, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade; Sean

Genesis Garcia, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade; Leunyce Regalado, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade; Christian Ted Pamintuan, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade; Christian Bert Daniel, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

■ 3<sup>rd</sup>, Readers Forum A: Cloe Ferlyn Lagmay, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

■ 3<sup>rd</sup>, Readers Forum B: Arnel Josh Coloma, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

■ 3<sup>rd</sup>, Humorous Interpretation A: Jill Anne Marie Mallari, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

■ 3<sup>rd</sup>, Duo A: Cloe Ferlyn Lagmay, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade; Christian Ted Pamintuan, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

■ 3<sup>rd</sup>, Choral Speaking: Angelene Faith Cacdac, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade; Leunyce Regalado, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade; Samantha Gabrielle Flores, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade; Raeka Sher-reen Lantin, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade; Jazmyn Lopez, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

■ 4<sup>th</sup>, Readers Forum MA: Rownel Jody Coloma, 5<sup>th</sup>

Grade

■ 4<sup>th</sup>, Duo A: Kristin Jewel Dela Cruz, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade; Liana Daga, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

■ 4<sup>th</sup>, Choral Speaking: Lorenz Espiritu, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade; Arnel Josh Coloma, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade; Elijah Umali, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade; Kristin Jewel Dela Cruz, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

■ 5<sup>th</sup>, Dramatic Interpretation A: Areeza Anda, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

■ 5<sup>th</sup>, Impronu A: Calvin Palma, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

■ 5<sup>th</sup>, Impronu B: Jeremiah Alfred, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

■ 5<sup>th</sup>, Duo A: Lyndon Digno, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade; Sean Genesis Garcia, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

■ 5<sup>th</sup>, Choral Speaking: John Paul Salamat, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade; Patrick Dwayne Gregorio, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade; Ed Justine Quiambao, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade



# Luta community donates to ESFDB

Over the years, Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja has been receiving donations from its beloved Luta community; 25 years to be exact as the school is still celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

According to ESFDB administrator/principal Carmen H. Atalig, "Whether it is monetary or in-kind, the generosity and support is always there."

ESFDB is happy to receive in-kind donations from Rota Councilman Gardner Barcinas, Gabriel and Angelica Manglona, and George Ayuyu.

"During tough times, when schools are struggling, we have individuals and businesses out there that are willing to help. We are very fortunate that Gabriel and Angelica Manglona stepped up to make in-kind donations to

our school," said Atalig.

"A huge thank you to Rota Councilman Gardner Barcinas and George Ayuyu! Your generosity amazed and delighted us. Thanks to you, the students of ESFDB will enjoy your donation of playground and sports equipments," added Atalig.

The administration, students, faculty and staff, and board of directors would like to express their appreciation to Barcinas, the Manglonas, and Ayuyu. (ESFDB)

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Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja administrator/principal Carmen H. Atalig, Class adviser Florinda Chavez, and 1st to 3rd grade students pose with Angelica Manglona, center, who donated fans to the school.



## 'AMERICAN NEEDS FATIMA'

Students, faculty, and staff of Mount Carmel School join the Catholic community in celebrating the praying of the Holy Rosary in America as a part of the local and national "American Needs Fatima" effort.

THOMAS A. MANGLONA II



## UKULELE FANS

Bank of Guam Marcie Tomokane and Larry David flank Larry Lee, organizer of the inaugural Marianas Ukulele Festival, after presenting him with a donation in support of the festival, which was held on Oct. 11, 2014, at the Carolinian Utt in Garapan.

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Bridge Capital LLC vice president and chief operating officer Jody Jordahl, left, present Larry Lee, organizer of the inaugural Marianas Ukulele Festival, with a check as the company's donation in support of the festival, which was held on Oct. 11, 2014, at the Carolinian Utt in Garapan.

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# US Naval Hospital launches pet therapy program

**AGANA HEIGHTS, Guam**—U.S. Naval Hospital Guam and its Red Cross Chapter held a cake cutting ceremony on Oct. 15 to welcome its newest four-legged, Red Cross volunteers: Millie, Shana, and Luna. These volunteers are helping to launch the first animal-assisted therapy program offered at the hospital.

"We will be bringing in dogs that are completely screened for health and behavior. They will be with their respective handlers visiting with patients and staff," said Amanda Mitchell Red Cross volunteer and Pet Visitation coordinator. Mitchell, who was inspired by her dog Luna, spearheaded the program with hopes of bringing cheer and comfort to others during difficult times.

Millie, Shana, and Luna are certified Pet Therapy dogs who have undergone rigorous testing to ensure they can be integrated into the hospital environment. The handlers have also been certified in order to participate in the program.

"We want to help patients with any of the psychological aspects associated with going to the doctor such as fear or even feelings of grief, the dogs can provide a sense of companionship as well



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Millie, Shana, and Luna are shown here with their owners.

as a sense of unconditional love and joy," said Lt. Stacie Groves, one of the Pet Visitation coordinators and a nurse who works in the hospital's

Mother Baby Unit.

Pet therapy is believed to have many benefits, not only for patients but staff as well, including personal and so-

cial development, increased self-esteem, improved mental health, better social skills, and increased empathy and nurturing skills. The dogs will

be seen at the hospital on various days during the week; information will be provided on the hospital's Facebook page. Mitchell and Groves are hop-

ing to expand the program and those interested in participating should contact the hospital's Red Cross Office. (USN)

## 254th SFS Airmen depart for deployment



Airmen from the Guam Air National Guard's 254th Security Forces Squadron pose for a photo prior to departing at the Guam International Airport Authority.

Staff Sgt. David Rivera, center, from the Guam Air National Guard's 254th Security Forces Squadron, poses with his family photo prior to departing at the Guam International Airport Authority.

Airmen from the Guam Air National Guard's 254th Security Forces Squadron (254SFS) departed Friday morning for a deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Southwest Asia.

The airmen are tasked with performing different security missions, such as force protection support for personnel, aircraft and the flight line on fly away missions throughout the Afghanistan region; flight line and perimeter security inside and outside the wire; at entry control points and act as provost marshal advisers. (PR)



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## World

## Coast Guard picks up blood sample from cruise ship

**GALVESTON, Texas** (AP)—A blood sample taken from a Dallas health care worker who is aboard a cruise ship and being monitored for signs of Ebola was retrieved by the Coast Guard, officials said early Sunday.

Petty Officer Andy Kendrick told The Associated Press that a Coast Guard crew flew in a helicopter Saturday to meet the Carnival Magic and lowered a basket of supplies. The woman provided a blood sample, which was taken to a state lab in Austin for processing.

Kendrick had no further details about how the sample was

taken. He said the decision to take the sample was made in coordination with the federal, state and local health authorities.

Obama administration officials said the passenger handled a lab specimen from a Liberian man who died from Ebola at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital earlier this month. Officials said the woman poses no risk because she has shown no signs of illness for 19 days and has voluntarily self-quarantined on the cruise ship.

U.S. officials had been seeking ways to return the woman and her husband to the U.S. before the ship completes its

cruise on Sunday.

State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said that when the woman left the U.S. on the cruise ship from Galveston, Texas, on Oct. 12 health officials were requiring only self-monitoring.

Carnival Cruise Lines said in a statement that the woman, a lab supervisor, remained in isolation "and is not deemed to be a risk to any guests or crew."

"We are in close contact with the CDC, and at this time it has been determined that the appropriate course of action is to simply keep the guest in isolation on board," the statement said,

referring to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The ship was refused clearance to dock in Cozumel, Mexico on Friday, a day after Belize refused to let the passenger leave the vessel.

A spokeswoman for the cruise line, Jennifer De La Cruz, said that when the Magic made a port call in Belize, other passengers were allowed to disembark with the exception of the health care worker and her spouse.

There have been no restrictions placed on other passengers aboard the ship, officials said.

The cruise line said Friday that after not receiving clear-

ance, the ship left Cozumel waters shortly after noon Friday with the goal of returning to

its home port of Galveston on Sunday morning as originally scheduled.

## Texas health worker isolated on cruise ship

*A Texas health worker who may have had contact with specimens from the first patient diagnosed with Ebola in the United States has been isolated on a cruise ship. The Carnival Magic is on a 7 day Western Caribbean cruise.*



Source: Reuters, Carnival Cruise Lines  
Graphic: Greg Good

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## 9 more bodies push Nepal blizzard death toll to 38

**KATMANDU, Nepal** (AP)—A rescue helicopter spotted nine more bodies Saturday on a trekking trail in northern Nepal, bringing the death toll to 38 from this week's series of snowstorms and avalanches in the worst hiking disaster in the Himalayan nation.

The bodies were seen in a remote mountainous area, but the steep terrain made it impossible for the helicopter to land, said Yadav Koirala from the Disaster Management Division in Katmandu.

The helicopter was able to pick up three survivors from near where the bodies were spotted in Dolpa district, he said. The latest fatalities were

on snowy slopes that would take hours to reach by foot from the nearest point where the helicopter could land.

The victims are most likely Nepalese porters, said Ram Chandra Sharma of the Trekking Agents Association of Nepal.

Dolpa district is next to Manang and Mustang districts in the popular Annapurna mountain range trail where most of the foreign trekkers and Nepalese guides and villagers were killed this week. Among the dead were Canadians, Indians, Israelis, Slovaks and Poles.

While more than 300 people have been rescued, sometimes

plucked from mountainsides by helicopters and taken to nearby villages and towns, dozens more are still taking shelter in isolated mountain huts, said government administrator Yama Bahadur Chokhyal.

The snowstorms were whipped by the tail end of a cyclone that hit the Indian coast a few days earlier. The weather has since improved and sunny skies and calm wind conditions were helping the rescue efforts.

The blizzards swept through the Annapurna trekking route and hikers were caught off-guard when the weather changed quickly.

Most of the people were on or near the Annapurna Circuit,

a 220-kilometer (140-mile) trail through the mountain, the 10th-highest in the world. The biggest number of casualties were the trekkers caught in the blizzard on Thorong La pass, which is one of the highest points on the Annapurna trekking route.

Five climbers—two Slovaks and three Nepalese guides—were killed in a separate avalanche about 75 kilometers (45 miles) to the west, at the base camp for Mount Dhaulagiri, the world's seventh-highest peak.

The deaths are the worst hiking disaster in Nepal, where an avalanche in April just above the base camp on Mount Everest killed 16 Nepalese guides.

## Bishops scrap welcome to gays in sign of split



Pope Francis, right, arrives with bishops and cardinals to attend an afternoon session of a two-week synod on family issues at the Vatican, Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014.

**VATICAN CITY** (AP)—Catholic bishops scrapped their landmark welcome to gays Saturday, showing deep divisions at the end of a two-week meeting sought by Pope Francis to chart a more merciful approach to ministering to Catholic families.

The bishops approved a final report covering a host of issues related to Catholic family

life, acknowledging there were "positive elements" in civil heterosexual unions outside the church and even in cases when men and women were living together outside marriage.

They also said the church must respect Catholics in their moral evaluation of "methods used to regulate births," a seemingly significant deviation from church teaching barring any

form of artificial contraception.

But the bishops failed to reach consensus on a watered-down section on ministering to homosexuals. The new section had stripped away the welcoming tone of acceptance contained in a draft document earlier in the week.

Rather than considering gays as individuals who had gifts to offer the church, the revised

paragraph referred to homosexuality as one of the problems Catholic families face. It said "people with homosexual tendencies must be welcomed with respect and sensitivity," but repeated church teaching that marriage is only between a man and a woman.

The revised paragraph failed to reach the two-thirds majority needed to pass.

Two other paragraphs concerning the other hot-button issue at the synod of bishops—whether divorced and civilly remarried Catholics can receive Communion—also failed to pass.

The Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, said the failure of the paragraphs to pass meant that they have to be discussed further to arrive at a consensus at a meeting of bishops next October.

It could be that the 118-62 vote on the gay paragraph was a protest vote of sorts by progressive bishops who refused to back the watered-down wording and wanted to keep the issue alive. The original draft had said gays had gifts to offer the church and that their partnerships, while morally problematic, provided gay couples with "precious" support.

## WORLD BRIEFS

## Philippine militants free 2 kidnapped Germans

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—Two Germans freed after being held for six months in the southern Philippines by a militant group that threatened to behead one of them if ransom was not paid were flown to Manila on Saturday under the care of their embassy, a Philippine military spokesman said. Following their release Friday, Stefan Okonek and Henrike Dielen were flown to Manila under arrangements made by the German Embassy, said Maj. Gen. Domingo Tutaan. The two have not spoken publicly about their ordeal and German diplomats could not be reached for comment. Philippine Defense Secretary Voltaire Gazmin confirmed their release late Friday, just hours after the Abu Sayyaf militant group had threatened to behead Okonek.

## Bombings kill 4 security troops in Afghanistan

**KABUL, Afghanistan** (AP)—A suicide car bomber killed three Afghan security force troops Saturday as a roadside bomb killed a district police chief, authorities said. The car bombing happened in Afghanistan's southern Helmand province, police commander Ghulam Sakhi Ghafari said. He said the blast on the outskirts of Lashkar Gah, the capital of Helmand, killed two police officers and a soldier and also wounded one civilian and five soldiers. The roadside bomb exploded in Afghanistan's eastern Khost province, killing the district police chief, a statement released

by the provincial governor's office said.

## Cops: Remains may be those of missing U.Va. student

**CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.** (AP)—Police searchers found human remains on Saturday that could be those of a University of Virginia sophomore who has been missing since Sept. 13. Further forensic tests are needed to confirm whether the remains are those of Hannah Graham, but Graham's parents were notified of the preliminary findings, Charlottesville Police Chief Timothy Longo told a news conference. The Albemarle County Police Department also said a volunteer search for Graham that had been planned for Sunday has been canceled so law enforcement can turn their attention to the new evidence.

## US-led strike kills 8 in IS-held Syria town

**MURSITPINAR, Turkey** (AP)—A U.S.-led coalition airstrike on a gas distribution facility in a stronghold of the Islamic State group set off a series of secondary explosions and killed at least eight people in eastern Syria, activists said Saturday. The airstrike targeted a distribution station in the town of Khasham in the oil-rich province of Deir el-Zour late Friday, Deir el-Zour Free Radio, an activist collective, said on its Facebook page. The collective named four of those killed and said another four charred bodies were placed in a nearby mosque. It said the slain men were mostly fuel tanker drivers.



# Health & Fitness

## WHO faulted for Ebola failures as Obama taps czar

**LONDON (AP)**—The World Health Organization bungled efforts to halt the spread of Ebola in West Africa, an internal report revealed Friday, as President Barack Obama named a trusted political adviser to take control of America's frenzied response to the epidemic.

The stepped-up scrutiny of the international response came as U.S. officials rushed to cut off potential routes of infection from three cases in Texas, reaching a cruise ship in the Caribbean and multiple domestic airline flights. Republican lawmakers and the Obama administration debated the value of restricting travelers from entering the U.S. from countries where the outbreak began, without a resolution.

But with Secretary of State John Kerry renewing pleas for a "collective, global response" to a disease that has already killed more than 4,500 people in Africa, the WHO draft report pointed to serious errors by an agency designated as the international community's leader in coordinating response to outbreaks of disease.

The document—a timeline of the outbreak—found that WHO, an arm of the United Nations,



AP  
Jeff Hulbert, of Annapolis, Md., protests U.S. handling of Ebola cases outside of the White House Friday, Oct. 17, 2014, in Washington.

missed chances to prevent Ebola from spreading soon after it was first diagnosed in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea last spring, blaming factors including incompetent staff and a lack of information. Its own experts failed to grasp that traditional infectious disease containment methods wouldn't work in a region with porous borders and broken health systems, the report found.

"Nearly everyone involved in the outbreak response failed

to see some fairly plain writing on the wall," WHO said in the report, obtained by The Associated Press. "A perfect storm was brewing, ready to burst open in full force."

The agency's own bureaucracy was part of the problem, the report found. It pointed out that the heads of its country offices in Africa are "politically motivated appointments" made by the WHO regional director for Africa, Dr. Luis Sambo, who

does not answer to the agency's chief in Geneva, Dr. Margaret Chan.

After WHO declared Ebola an international health emergency in August, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon stepped in and had the United Nations take overall responsibility for fighting and eliminating the virus, among other things setting up an emergency response mission based in Ghana.

Dr. Peter Piot, the co-discoverer of the Ebola virus, agreed that WHO acted far too slowly.

"It's the regional office in Africa that's the front line," said Piot, interviewed at his office in London. "And they didn't do anything. That office is really not competent."

WHO declined to comment on the document, which was not issued publicly, and said that Chan would be unavailable for an interview with the AP. She did tell Bloomberg News that she "was not fully informed of the evolution of the outbreak. We responded, but our response may not have matched the scale of the outbreak and the complexity of the outbreak."

Meanwhile, Obama moved to step up the U.S. response to the disease, naming Ron Klain, a former chief of staff to Vice President Joe Biden, as the administration's point man on Ebola.

Klain is a longtime Democratic operative who also served as a top aide to Vice President Al Gore. He does not have any medical or public health expertise. But the White House said he would serve as "Ebola response coordinator," suggesting his key role will be to synchronize the actions of many government agencies in combating the disease.

"This is much broader than a medical response," White House spokesman Josh Earnest said, citing Klain's experience in the private as well as public sector and his relationships with Congress.

"All of that means he is the right person for the job, and the

### Ebola report

NUMBER OF EBOLA CASES AND DEATHS as of Oct. 15

Country / State / Province	Probable/suspected	Confirmed	Total of confirmed and probable/suspected
<b>A</b> Guinea	Cases 288 Deaths 190	1,184 653	843 deaths 1,472 cases
<b>B</b> Liberia	Cases 3,299 Deaths *	950 *	2,458 deaths 4,249 cases
<b>C</b> Sierra Leone	Cases 403 Deaths 257	2,849 926	1,183 deaths 3,252 cases
<b>D</b> Nigeria	Cases 1 Deaths 1	19 7	8 deaths 20 cases
<b>E</b> Congo	Cases 30 Deaths *	38 *	49 deaths 68 cases
<b>F</b> Senegal	Cases 0 Deaths 0	1 0	1 case
<b>G</b> U.S.A. -Texas	Cases 0 Deaths 0	3 1	1 death 3 cases
<b>H</b> Spain -Madrid	Cases 0 Deaths 0	1 0	1 case



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right person to make sure we are integrating the interagency response to this significant challenge," he said.

Republican lawmakers continued pushing the administration Friday to consider restricting travel to the U.S. from the three Ebola-stricken West African countries. But despite Obama's statement Thursday that he was not "philosophically opposed" to such a ban, Earnest affirmed the White House's resistance to such a move.

Republican Mike Leavitt, a former health secretary under President George W. Bush, said

Friday that he sees "lots of problems" with such a ban. While it may seem like a good idea, Bush administration officials who considered it to contain bird flu concluded that it would not work, while raising a host of difficult questions about who would be allowed to travel.

Other nations have taken steps to prevent travelers from the affected areas from crossing their borders. The Central American nation of Belize announced that it would immediately stop issuing visas to people from West African countries where Ebola had spread.

### Personal Trainer

## Dancing for your life

*Dance is a whole-body exercise that can be as vigorous or gentle as you wish and is as good for the mind as it is for the body.*

**If you would like to begin dancing ...**

- Investigate some kinds of dance that you have never seen or tried
- Try a course through the local recreation agency; go for at least a month before deciding whether you enjoy it
- Find a club that does the kind of dance you are interested in and welcomes beginners
- Arrange with a teacher to attend two or three trial classes
- Find a book or video to refresh your memory of the basics

**If you used to dance and would like to do it again ...**

**Ballroom dance**

**Folk dance**

**Aerobic dance**

**Jazz dance**

**Ballet**

**Tap dance**

**Modern dance**

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### In Humble Gratitude

We, the family of the late

## †Manuel Babauta Kisa

would like to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to all our friends and relatives who has given us their love, support, and prayers during our time of grief. We would like to thank Fr. Ken Hazel and Darlene Sasamoto, most especially Dr. James U. Hofschneider, and all the CHC doctors and nurses.

May God Bless You!

*Antonia I. Kisa, children, and grandchildren*



# Life & Style

## S. Korea concert planner found dead after 16 die

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)**—A South Korean man involved in planning an outdoor pop concert where 16 people were killed after falling through a ventilation grate was found

dead Saturday in an apparent suicide, officials said, as doctors treated eight others facing life-threatening injuries from the disaster.

The man, 37, an employee of

the Gyeonggi Institute of Science and Technology Promotion, was found dead at around 7 a.m. in Seongnam, the city south of Seoul where Friday's accident occurred, said city

spokesman Kim Nam-jun.

The site of his death was not far from where 16 people watching a performance by 4Minute, a girls band that is popular across Asia, were killed

when the ventilation grate they were standing on collapsed. Eleven other people were seriously injured.

It was believed that the man, who was questioned by police Friday night over the accident, leaped from the top of a 10-story building, police inspector Park Jeong-ju said.

Gyeonggi Institute of Science and Technology Promotion was one of the sponsors of the concert, which was organized by the news site Edaily and was part of a local festival. About 700 people had gathered to watch the concert, which was abruptly halted after the accident happened.

In a televised briefing on Saturday, Kim said there was a possibility that the death toll from

the accident could rise. Of the 11 people treated at hospitals, eight were dealing with life-threatening injuries to the abdomens or lungs, he said.

Most of those who were killed were men in their 30s and 40s, while five were women in their 20s and 30s, fire officials said.

Photos of the accident scene showed a deep concrete shaft under the broken grate. Kim said it was believed that the grate collapsed under the weight of the people.

A video recorded by someone at the concert that was shown on the YTN television network showed the band continuing to dance for a while in front of a crowd that appeared to be unaware of the accident.

## Archaeologists seek movie set in California sands

**GUADALUPE, Calif. (AP)**—Archaeologists working in the sand dunes along the Central California coast are digging up ancient sphinxes—but these are made of plaster.

More than 90 years ago, legendary filmmaker Cecil B. DeMille erected 21 giant sphinxes and an 800-foot-wide temple as a set for the silent, black-and-white classic movie "The Ten Commandments."

But in 1923, when filming was over, DeMille abandoned them there among the sands of the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes in Santa Barbara County.

Now, archaeologists are digging for the fragile plaster

sphinxes and this week began excavations on one that they hope will eventually be on display at the nearby Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center, which has raised \$120,000 for the dig, the Los Angeles Times reported.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime kind of site," said M. Colleen Hamilton, a senior historical archaeologist with Applied Earth-Works and project director for the excavation. "I've worked on sites all over the country, and I think this one could only happen in California."

Crews began digging in 2012 and found one sphinx but money for the project ran out.

Parts of that sphinx's head are on display at the Dunes Center.

When they returned this year for the body, they found the wind had shifted the sand, exposing the plaster and damaging it beyond repair.

But the wind had also revealed a hint of the foot and leg of another sphinx, the Times reported.

"It was a really pleasant surprise when we found out it was almost a full sphinx," said Doug Jenzen, executive director of the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center.

The second sphinx was missing much of its face—but archaeologists had been

looking for an intact body to put on display to match the earlier head.

To keep the fragile plaster from cracking, the team covered the pieces of the sphinx in liquid consolidant and wrapped them in cheesecloth, Hamilton said. They removed sand from the body and filled it with foam to keep it stable.

Residents of Guadalupe, a small farming community, left the set alone for decades out of respect, said Shirley Boydston, 86, a member of the Rancho de Guadalupe Historical Society.

"The old-timers have always known it was out there," she said.

## David Cronenberg writes first novel, 'Consumed'

**NEW YORK (AP)**—To finish his first novel, David Cronenberg had to work around a few other projects.

Like the four movies he completed over the past eight years.

"I would actually have to leave what I was writing for a year and a half and literally not think about it," said the Canadian filmmaker known for "Dead Ringers," "Naked Lunch" and his latest, "Map of the Stars."

"So I had concerns about continuity, that it was this sort of start-and-stop thing," he adds. "Somehow, it seemed to work."

Cronenberg begins his fiction career at age 71 with "Consumed," an intellectual, macabre thriller of sex, violence and bodily transformation—themes not unfamiliar to fans of Cronenberg's movies. The protagonists are freelance journalists caught up in a mysterious case of murder and cannibalism, a story inspired in part by the life of Louis Pierre Althusser, a French Marxist who strangled his wife.

Interviewed recently at the offices of his U.S. publisher, Scribner, Cronenberg said that publisher Nicole Winstanley of Penguin Canada had suggested he try a novel. He set himself a goal of two pages a day and found the experience close to directing, a narrative for which he had a final say on casting, lighting, editing, sound effects and special effects.

"The only thing you can do as a screenwriter is the narrative and the dialogue," he says.

Directors have long felt an affinity with literary writers, although few have triumphed

in both fields.

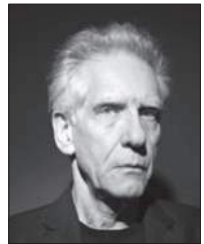
Elia Kazan wrote several novels after his movie career faded, and Jean Renoir wrote a handful of short fiction works in the last years of his life. More recently, Ethan Coen has published stories and poems, and Neil Jordan of "The Crying Game" has completed several novels and story collections. For years, Woody Allen has contributed stories to The New Yorker.

John Sayles has managed parallel careers, directing "Eight Men Out" and "Passion Fish," among others, while writing well-regarded short stories and novels. He prefers

completing a book without interruption, noting that he worked on his nearly 1,000-page historical tale, "A Moment in the Sun," during a Writers Guild of America strike. Film projects took up so much time while he was writing "Los Gusanos," published in 1991, that when Sayles returned to the novel, he realized he had scene with a dead man in the trunk of a car and he had forgotten why he was there.

"So I had one of the cops just say, 'That's going to be one of life's unexplained mysteries,'" Sayles said. "It's a good idea when you have to leave a book for a while to make some good notes."

Gus Van Sant, whose experimental novel "Pink" came out in 1997, said he doesn't consider himself "the most natural writer," but still enjoyed the work and only wished he had worked harder. He also believes directors and authors often romanticize each other's craft.



Cronenberg



AP

In this Sept. 4, 2014 file photo, a vintage "Easy Rider" Captain America motorcycle is shown at Profiles in History auction house in Calabasas, Calif.

## 'Easy Rider' chopper at auction might be phony

**CALABASAS, Calif. (AP)**—One of the world's most famous motorcycles—the star-spangled "Captain America" chopper from "Easy Rider"—is hitting the auction block.

Or not.

As the skeptical Billy from the 1969 counterculture cult film might have asked: "What's the reality, man?"

The red, white and blue, chromed-out Harley-Davidson to be auctioned off late Saturday in Calabasas comes with certificates of authenticity, ac-

cording to the auction house, Profiles in History.

More than one version of the bike was built for the movie but according to the auction catalog, the one for sale is the only one that survived.

According to the catalog, it was used in the climactic crash sequence at the end and restored by Dan Haggerty, who had a bit part in the film and vouched for its authenticity. Peter Fonda, who played Wyatt and rode the bike in the movie, also vouched for its authenticity, according to

the auction house.

The seller, Michael Eisenberg, also has a letter from the National Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa, Iowa, which displayed the bike for 12 years, saying Eisenberg's is the only surviving "Captain America" bike.

But another collector, Gordon Granger of Texas, says he owns the authentic chopper and also has a certificate signed by Haggerty to prove it.

Haggerty acknowledged to the Los Angeles Times (<http://lat.ms/1sQi3b6>) this week that he authenticated and sold two "Captain America" bikes.

Now Haggerty says just one of the bikes is legitimate, and it's Eisenberg's—the one going up for sale with a \$1 million minimum.

The dust-up could affect the auction price, Eisenberg said. "I'm concerned. If you throw enough rocks at something, it casts a shadow of a doubt about something," he told The Associated Press. "I'm damaged."

For his part, Fonda says he has no idea which bike is the real one.



# Paris sculpture removed after vandals strike

**PARIS** (AP)—A controversial green art installation on Paris' tony Place Vendome has been taken down after being vandalized overnight.

The inflatable sculpture called "Tree" vaguely resembled a Christmas tree but evoked for others, including its creator, the artist Paul McCarthy, a giant anal sex toy.

Guide wires holding the

sculpture in place were severed by vandals sometime overnight, according to French media reports. The sculpture was deflated and folded up on Saturday.

Culture Minister Fleur Pellerin blasted the vandalism, calling it "a serious attack on the principle of artistic freedom."

The temporary exhibit is part of the FIAC contemporary art exhibition in Paris.

## 'Leviathan' named best picture at London Film Fest

**LONDON** (AP)—Movies about corruption, gang violence, honor killing and war took prizes Saturday as the London Film Festival recognized cinema that confronts the harsh realities of our world.

Andrey Zvyagintsev's "Leviathan," a tragic satire of small-town Russian corruption, was named best picture. The film, which took the screenplay prize at this year's Cannes Film Festival, was praised for its "grandeur and themes" by a jury that included actor James McAvoy and producer Jeremy Thomas.

Ukrainian director Myroslav Slaboshpytskiy won the first-feature award for "The Tribe," a teen-gang drama set at a school for the deaf and performed entirely in sign language, without subtitles.

Actress Sameena Jabeen Ahmed was named best Brit-

ish newcomer for her performance as a British-Pakistani teenager on the run from her family in "Catch Me Daddy."

The documentary prize went to "Silvered Water, Syria Self-Portrait," a searing look at war's brutality by Paris-based director Ossama Mohammed and Wiam Simav Bedirxan, an schoolteacher who filmed life in the besieged city of Homs.

Director Stephen Frears was awarded the British Film Institute's Fellowship during Saturday's ceremony at London's 17th-century Banqueting House.

He was recognized for a career that has traveled from the battered streets of Margaret Thatcher's Britain in "My Beautiful Laundrette," to 18th-century France in "Dangerous Liaisons," seedy Los Angeles in "The Grifters" and Buckingham Palace in "The Queen."

## Manhattan Transfer singer, founder dies at 72

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Tim Hauser, the founder and singer of the Grammy-winning vocal troupe The Manhattan Transfer, died Thursday from cardiac arrest, band representative JoAnn Geffen said Friday. He was 72.

Hauser founded Manhattan Transfer, who released their debut album in the early 1970s and launched hits such as "Operator" and "The Boy from New York City." They went on

to win multiple pop and jazz Grammy Awards. Their critically acclaimed album, 1985's "Vocalese," earned a whopping 12 Grammy nominations.

Alan Paul, Janis Siegel and Cheryl Bentyne—who joined in 1978 and replaced Laurel Masse—rounded out the foursome.

"Tim was the visionary behind The Manhattan Transfer," they said in a statement. "It's in-



<sup>AP</sup>  
The controversial inflatable statue "Tree" by U.S. artist Paul McCarthy as part of the International Modern Art Fair (FIAC), lays deflated on the Place Vendome in Paris, France, Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014.

## Medical examiner: Body that of missing actress

**SEATTLE** (AP)—The King County medical examiner has



confirmed that a body found in a ravine in the Seattle suburb of Auburn is that of missing actress Misty Upham, known for her roles in "August: Osage County," "Frozen River" and "Django Unchained."

In a statement, the medical examiner's office said Friday that the 32-year-old woman died Oct. 5. That's the day her family told police that the Native American actress was suicidal. Relatives reported her missing the next day. The medical examiner said the cause and manner of death are pending investigation.

Auburn police spokesman Steve Stocker said the body was found Thursday near the White River. Items with Upham's name on them were found nearby. He said there was no evidence of foul play.

A family friend found the body while a group of friends and family were searching in the area.

## George Lucas fills in details on Chicago museum

**CHICAGO** (AP)—George Lucas is filling in some details on his planned art and movie memorabilia museum, including how the California native settled on Chicago as a location over San Francisco.

It was his wife's idea.

The "Star Wars" creator told the Chicago Ideas Week forum on Friday that wife Mellody Hobson, a Chicago native and prominent businesswoman, had enough after four years of what he described as "doodling around" by San Francisco.

"Don't worry. I'll talk to the mayor. I'm sure he'll love it," she told him, according to Lucas.

And she was right. Mayor Rahm Emanuel has publicly embraced the idea, and the Lucas Museum of Narrative Art is set to take its place in the Museum Campus on the city's lakefront.

The filmmaker announced in June that he had picked Chicago.

At the forum this week, he

also discussed what the museum will look like.

"It's going to be organic architecture, connected to the ground. And it will look like a living thing," he said in the conversation with interviewer Charlie Rose at the Cadillac Palace Theatre.

Lucas wants a showcase for his collection of popular art, including illustrations by Norman Rockwell, Maxfield Parrish and N.C. Wyeth as well as works by Lucas's visual effects company, Industrial Light and Magic, and other companies.

The museum will also feature art linked to film and digital media, as well as a theater that will screen films and host lectures and workshops.

## Halloween cowgirl can leave her pistol at home

**DEAR ABBY:** Halloween is around the corner, and my 7-year-old daughter has decided to be a cowgirl. She wants the boots, the hat and the gun.

Is it appropriate to let her have a holster and an obviously toy gun to accessorize her costume for trick-or-treating? She would not be taking that part of her costume to school on Halloween. I live in a part of the country where guns are an important part of our culture, but I am unsure how to proceed.

CONFUSED ABOUT HALLOWEEN IN MONTANA

**DEAR CONFUSED:** Guns may be an important part of the culture where you live, but how do YOU feel about them? If it's all right with you, and the weapon your child carries is obviously a toy, then there should be no problem as you take her from house to house collecting her goodies. But there is nothing wrong with a 7-year-old cowgirl not having a gun and holster as part of her costume. If you need verification, have her check out the character Jessie in the movie "Toy Story 2."

**P.S.** Having her not take a toy gun to school is wise because many schools have strict policies about weapons—including toy weapons—being brought on campus.

**DEAR ABBY:** A female acquaintance recently asked me to

submit a reference letter for her in order to help her in a custody battle with her ex-husband. She had problems with drugs and alcohol in the past, but has been sober for more than a year now. She wants the recommendation letter to reflect how much she has changed for the better.

I didn't know her a year ago and didn't witness the change. Also, from what little I have seen, her parenting skills are questionable at best. How do I proceed? Ignoring her request isn't an option because she has asked multiple times.

ACQUAINTANCE IN GEORGIA

**DEAR ACQUAINTANCE:** Tell your acquaintance a version of what you have told me, that you're not comfortable writing the letter because you have known her only a relatively short time and haven't witnessed how far she has come. It's honest. (Do not mention that you think her parenting skills are lacking if you would like to maintain the relationship.)

**DEAR ABBY:** I often shop at a convenience store on the corner for various things. It is run by two men I see fairly often, but rarely talk to. I would like to thank them for being available nearly every hour of the week, year-round. How can I appropriately show my thanks?

I think supporting their business might be the best way, but I'm

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not sure what else to do other than simply continue buying from them. Do you have any advice?

APPRECIATIVE IN ALBANY, N.Y.

**DEAR APPRECIATIVE:** I believe that if people have something nice to say, they shouldn't keep it inside. Tell the men their efforts are appreciated. I'm sure they'll be pleased to know their hard work is recognized. Other than that, mention it to others who live in the area. It's good publicity for the store, and it might increase their business.

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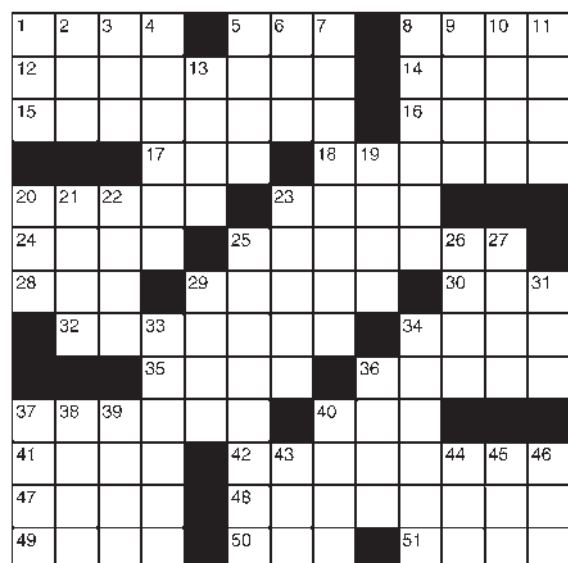
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## CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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- 5 Peri-odical, for short
- 8 Hit open-handed
- 12 Dressing ingredient
- 14 Tittle
- 15 Hogwarts instruction
- 16 Holly-wood clashers
- 17 Dead heat
- 18 Software holders
- 20 Plankton, in part
- 23 Close
- 24 Sightsee
- 25 Relevant
- 28 Mess up
- 29 Johnson successor
- 30 Brewery product
- 32 Obedient
- 34 Mast
- 35 — of the Apostles
- DOWN**
- 36 Michael of tennis
- 37 Infants
- 40 Luau bowlful
- 41 Cain's victim
- 42 Coat-of-arms
- 47 Car
- 48 Handel's "Messiah," e.g.
- 49 Celebrity
- 50 Nonstick spray brand
- 51 Choir's rendition
- 1 Namely (Abbr.)
- 4 James Cameron movie
- 5 Fashion
- 6 Atmosphere
- 7 Moisturizer
- 8 "The Treasure of the — Madre"
- 9 Corporate symbol
- 10 Teeny bit
- 11 "Family Feud"
- 13 Great Lake
- 19 Rhett's last word
- 20 Con-summated
- 21 Parli-amentarian
- 22 Mentor
- 23 Link
- 25 Where to buy souvenirs
- 26 California wine
- 27 Verve
- 29 Pleasant
- 31 Work unit of the cloth?
- 34 1862 Tennessee battle site
- 36 Layer of paint
- 37 Sheepish comments
- 38 Touch
- 39 Alpha follower
- 40 Stroller
- 43 Historic time
- 44 Parched
- 45 Edge
- 46 Thither



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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Do your homework and don't be afraid to make a change. An opportunity is in the stars, but relocation or a lifestyle change may be necessary to take advantage of it. Go after your dreams instead of giving in to others' demands. \*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Do what pleases you the most. Don't wait for an invitation or for someone else to take charge. A creative opportunity will play into your plans. Unanticipated changes are likely to occur, allowing you to do something unique. \*\*\*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Think matters through carefully and you will maintain control of whatever situation you face. Expect to be tested on an emotional level. Show your strengths and you will come out ahead. Don't hesitate or miss a beat. \*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Don't hold back. Prepare to travel if necessary. Interacting with people will help you make a

convincing presentation regarding your ideas and plans for the future. Weed out who is in and who is out by the responses you get. \*\*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Take care of a serious situation early in the day so you can move on to happier moments. Consider your options and you will find a solution that suits you perfectly and encourages you to follow the most enticing path. \*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Avoid an angry encounter. Confusion will set in if you are pushed into a corner. Don't ignore your responsibilities, but don't allow anyone to make demands or dump chores on your lap that don't belong to you. \*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Dealing with institutions, banks, government agencies and authority figures will be challenging but revealing. A change in the way you feel and the direction you want to head will cause conflict with someone who tries to make choices for you. \*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Call in favors and approach people who can help you reach your goal. Make life-altering changes that will help you gain greater freedom. Times are changing and your time to get ahead is now, so take the initiative. \*\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Stay on top of situations that are in the midst of developing. You can raise your standard of living by identifying and then making the most of any exciting new opportunities that come your way. Don't let an emotional matter escalate. \*\*

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Tread carefully when dealing with friends, relatives or while traveling. Your best recourse is not change; it's compromise and protection. Make sure your assets and possessions are safely tucked away from anyone who may be looking for a handout. \*\*\*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Secure your financial position. You have plenty going for you, so don't let someone with a negative attitude slow you down. Making a move or having a serious talk about your future will lead to forward motion. \*\*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Make plans to tie up paperwork and to secure your personal financial position. Money is headed your way, but a lack of discipline can turn your profits into a loss if you overspend or are careless with your money. \*\*\*

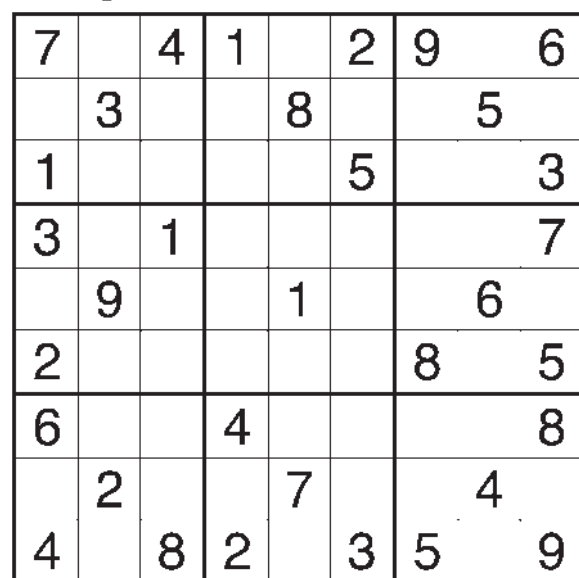
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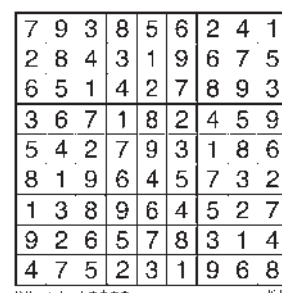


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Last Friday's Answer: Pressure

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# World Series: Seasoned Giants vs fresh Royals



**KANSAS CITY**—Alex Gordon, Lorenzo Cain and the go-go-go Kansas City Royals played perfect ball to zip through the playoffs. Plus, they recently flattened Buster Posey and his Giants.

So how come this bunch that's rapidly become a fan favorite all across the country isn't the favorite against San Francisco in the World Series?

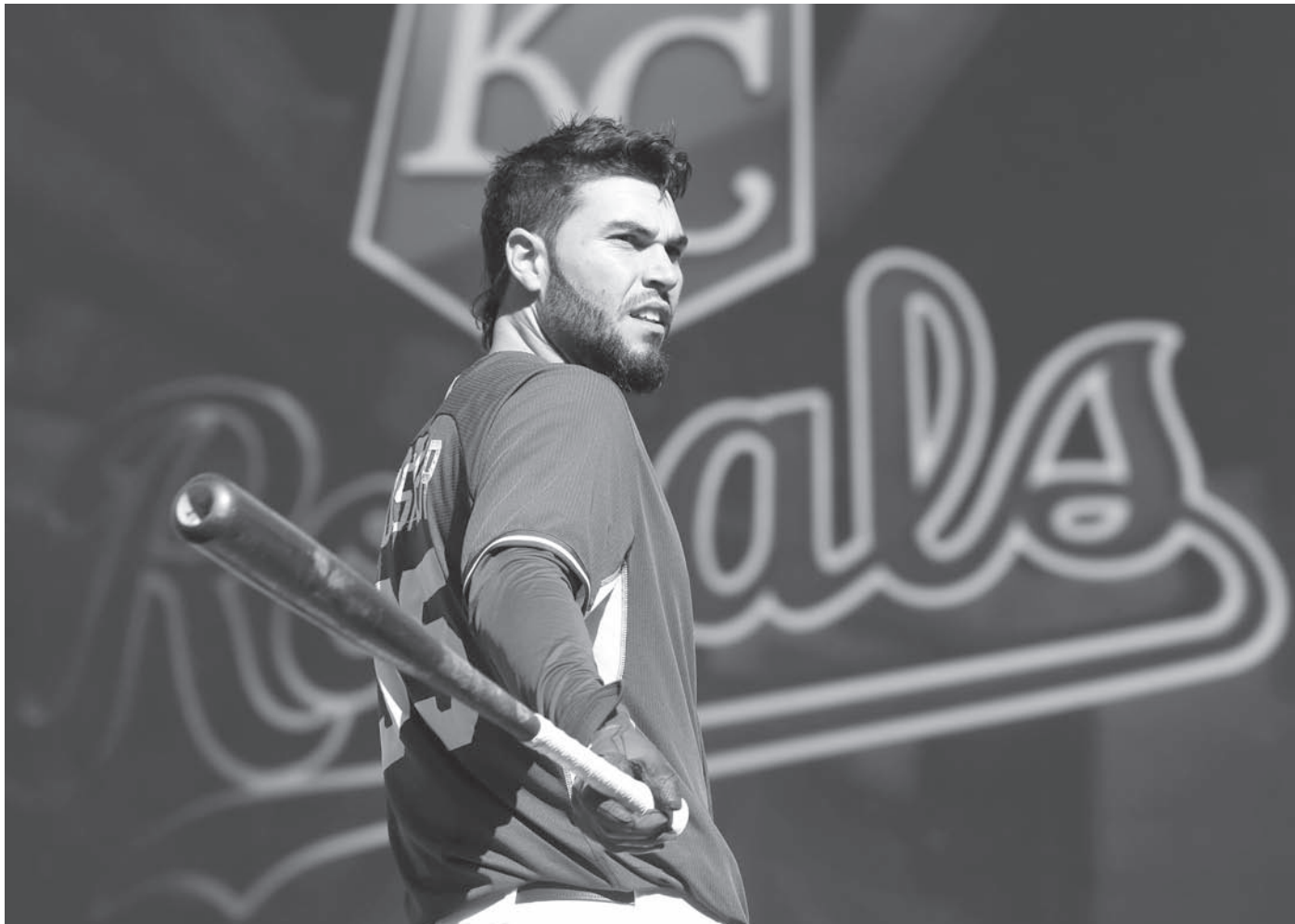
"When I look at the Royals, I see a team on a terrific run. There was magic on their side, where everything they did went absolutely right," said Las Vegas oddsmaker Johnny Avello, head of the sports book at the Wynn.

"But I don't get into the 'darling' stuff," he said Friday. "I have to encompass everything and figure out who's the better team, and that's the Giants."

We'll see what's next in this tight, tense postseason starting Tuesday night when the seasoned Giants visit the fresh Royals at Kauffman Stadium.

A pair of teams with dominant bullpens, the talent to make tremendous catches and a touch for grinding out key runs.

Both of them wild-card teams, too. Of course, come this



**KANSAS CITY ROYALS'** Eric Hosmer gets ready to bat during baseball practice Friday, Oct. 17, 2014, in Kansas City, Mo. The Royals are scheduled to host the San Francisco Giants in Game 1 of the World Series on Tuesday.

in that area and been waiting to see this since 1985."

"When I played there, I think they thought they were overdue then, and that was, I don't know, seven, eight years ago," he said. "There's going to be some energy in that stadium. And they have remodeled it ... it's pretty impressive to see the amount of blue in these seats during those games."

Affeldt and the Giants got a close-up at these Royals in August, getting swept in a three-game series at Kansas City.

Gordon homered twice in the series, outfielder Nori Aoki threw out two runners in an inning, the Royals stole seven bases in a game and they beat Bumgarner, Hudson and Tim Lincecum.

"It doesn't matter what it was," Royals manager Ned Yost said Friday. "This is a whole different ballgame now. This is the World Series. This isn't a three-game series in August."

Yost, by the way, grew up in the Bay Area rooting for the Giants.

Even though they met two months ago, there's not a lot of history between the teams. They faced each other only twice in spring training in Arizona, and the Royals haven't played in San Francisco since 2005, back when Barry Bonds was the biggest name in town.

late in October, no one is really a wild card anymore.

Reigning NL Championship Series MVP Madison Bumgarner, former World Series MVP Pablo Sandoval and Giants manager Bruce Bochy are aiming for their third ring in five seasons.

At 39, Tim Hudson is headed

with them, going to his first World Series. A four-time All-Star with 214 wins, he left his longtime home in Atlanta and signed with the Giants last November.

Hudson was swayed by an intangible that he'd seen from the other side - San Francisco's

knack for playing especially well at this time of year.

"They know how to win when it matters. There's something different whenever this team gets in the playoffs. They know what buttons to push. They know what guys need to do in certain situations. That's all that matters," Hudson said.

"That's why I'm playing, that's why I'm here, that's why I decided to come to the Giants," he said.

Already 8-0 this postseason, the Royals are back in the Series

for the first time since George Brett and Bret Saberhagen helped them win it all in 1985.

There were a lot of lean years in the interim.

Giants reliever Jeremy Affeldt, the winning pitcher in the NLCS clincher Thursday night against the Cardinals, played for Kansas City from 2002-06 - the Royals lost 100 games in three of those seasons.

"Well, I'm sure there's a lot of excitement," Affeldt said. "There's a lot of people that have been fans for a long time

## Trade for Shields spurred Royals to turnaround

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** (AP)—The moment Alex Gordon knew the Kansas City Royals were serious about winning can be traced to a cold December day when his wife heard they had traded for James Shields.

The franchise had long suffered through a forgettable cast of starting pitchers, from Jay Witasick to Darrell May to Runelvys Hernandez. Hot prospects flamed out. Free agents fizzled. And every year, the Royals languished near the AL Central cellar.

But things changed in December 2012. General manager Dayton Moore thought enough pieces had been assembled and all that was missing was the right starting pitcher—someone who could be the staff ace and change a clubhouse culture accustomed to losing.

Moore called up the Rays and made the deal.

"That's when I knew," Gordon said, "that we were going for it."

Two years later, a trade that was panned by many has helped the Royals reach the World Series for the first time since 1985. Shields, who will start Game 1 at home Tuesday night against San Francisco, has been everything Moore had hoped he would be.

"Those opportunities to ac-

quire a top rotation starter and an impact pitcher like Wade Davis, they're not presented year-in and year-out," Moore said. "We were fortunate the timing of it was such that it was staring us in the face and put us in a position to compete in 2014."

It was a gamble. The Royals sent baseball's top minor league talent, Wil Myers, and a bevy of other promising prospects to the Rays.

Shields went 13-9 with a 3.15 ERA last year, helping the Royals to their best record in more than 20 years. And over the course of the season, Davis established himself as one of the most dominant late-inning relievers in the game.

This year, Shields finished the regular season 14-8 with a 3.21 ERA, helping the Royals return to the postseason for the first time since their only World Series title.

He started their wild-card win over Oakland. He allowed two runs over six innings in earning the victory in a Division Series game against the Angels. And he was good enough to help the Royals beat Baltimore in the ALCS, running their postseason winning streak to 11 games.

"He's earned the nickname Big Game James for a reason," Royals manager Ned Yost said.

On a team with few veterans, Shields has proved invaluable in October. And when he takes the mound against the Giants, he'll be drawing on the experience he gained in 2008, when he tossed 5 2-3 innings for the Rays against the Phillies in the only other World Series start of his nine-year big league career.

"He's been tremendous," said Greg Holland, the Royals' All-Star closer. "He takes that starting five as kind of collectively, 'Hey, we want to be the backbone of this team. We want to throw 200 innings apiece. We want to push each other, learn from each other.'"

"I think he also leads by example, taking the ball every five days and giving his heart and soul," Holland said. "I think once you start rattling off good start after good start, it kind of builds on itself. You want to do just as good as the guy in front of you did."

Shields also keeps the clubhouse jovial between games and ratchets up the intensity when it's time to compete. Once he's on the mound, he stalks around like a lion, often roaring as he heads back to the dugout after a big strikeout.

His teammates took notice, adopting many of his mannerisms.

## Bumgarner gets nod for Giants World Series opener

**SAN FRANCISCO** (AP)—The reliable southpaw is getting the ball for another important Game 1.

Left-hander Madison Bumgarner will pitch the World Series opener for the San Francisco Giants at Kansas City on Tuesday.

Manager Bruce Bochy made the expected announcement Saturday as his team worked out under sunny skies, one day before traveling. Bumgarner, an 18-game winner, was voted NL Championship Series MVP as the Giants beat the St. Louis Cardinals in five games.

Despite MadBum's high innings, Bochy wasn't worried about the 18-game winner. Bumgarner didn't get a decision in the pennant clincher against the Cardinals on Thursday night.

"I think I would've insulted him if I checked with him," Bochy said. "He's a big, strong guy. His last game I thought he had great stuff. It's not like he's thrown 120-130 pitches. His workload has been under control."

Bochy is keeping his rotation the same as the first two rounds

of the postseason. Right-hander Jake Peavy will pitch Game 2 on Wednesday, followed by 39-year-old right-hander Tim Hudson in his World Series debut Thursday at AT&T Park and then righty Ryan Vogelsong.

Yusmeiro Petit, who has twice provided a huge lift as a long man, will stay in his role as Bochy stuck with Vogelsong in the rotation.

"Petit in the job he's done in that role that we've had him in, you go back to Washington and without Petit it's hard to say what would have happened," Bochy said. "In St. Louis he went out there and gave us three big innings. He's a great swingman. Vogey, he threw a great game against Washington. He had a little bit of a hiccup but no, I didn't think about changing."

Unused two-time NL Cy Young Award winner Tim Lincecum will make the roster. Bochy didn't expect to make any changes from the 25 players used in the NLCS.

Lincecum pitched the Game 5 World Series clincher at Texas in 2010, then held a key role as a reliever in the 2012

championship run. Lincecum pitched his second no-hitter June 25 against San Diego but hasn't pitched since Sept. 28.

"I've been thinking about Timmy, trust me," Bochy said. "Timmy's done a lot for us, and we know that."

Lincecum was undergoing treatment for a problem that developed overnight.

"Timmy's got a stiff neck right now but we talked about him throwing to hitters today," Bochy said. "He'll be back tomorrow, but he's still on the roster. I don't think it's serious. ... I'm pretty sure at some point he'll be in the game."

Bochy didn't announce a designated hitter, though Michael Morse is the obvious candidate. He has been unable to play left field and hasn't started since late August because of an oblique injury, but hit a tying pinch homer in the 6-3 Game 5 NLCS win.

"I haven't got the order set, DH," Bochy said. "Right now we don't have any plans to change our roster. Now that doesn't mean we can't change our mind as we look at this further."



# Spurs' Popovich jabs Suns owner Sarver



**SAN ANTONIO** (AP)—San Antonio Spurs coach Gregg Popovich dismissed Phoenix Suns owner Robert Sarver's critical comments as silly and said they should have been made while wearing a "chicken suit."

Sarver got on the public address microphone Thursday night in Phoenix and apologized to the fans because the Spurs were without several players and Popovich himself.

"This is not the game you paid your hard-earned money to watch," Sarver told the crowd. "I apologize for it. And I want you to send me your tickets if you came tonight with a return envelope and I've got a gift for you on behalf of the Suns for showing up tonight. Thank you."

The Spurs were without Kawhi Leonard (eye infection), Tiago Splitter (calf) and Patty Mills (rotator cuff) due to injury and Tim Duncan and Manu Ginobili remained home to rest. Popovich elected to have first-year assistant Ettore Messina handle head coaching duties. Phoenix routed San Antonio 121-90 in the Spurs' first pre-season game in the United States after a two-week trip to Europe.

In typical Popovich fashion, he was quick with a zinger.

"The only thing that surprises me is that he didn't say it in a chicken suit. I'll just leave it at that," Popovich said Saturday before San Antonio's preseason home opener against Miami.

"As I said, the silliness begins. Most wise individuals



would check facts before they made statements; unless you're interested in putting on a show. In that case, the facts get in your way, as in this case."

The Spurs have a history of resting players during the season, including being fined \$250,000 by the league in December 2012 for sending home Duncan, Ginobili, Tony Parker and Danny Green rather than have them play in a nation-

ally televised game in Miami against the Heat.

Popovich pointed out these recent absences were excusable, though.

"We had five guys we didn't send," Popovich told the San Antonio Express-News. "Patty Mills had a shoulder operation over the summer. Tiago Splitter has been out the whole pre-season. Kawhi Leonard was out and is still out for 10 more

days. The other two, Duncan and Ginobili, are two of the oldest guys in the league who just came back from a 13-day European trip."

Meanwhile, After undergoing an offseason makeover that saw two starters and a head coach skip town, the 2014-15 Brooklyn Nets figure to depend heavily on big bounce-back years from the bookend combo of former All-Stars Deron Wil-

**AP**  
San Antonio Spurs coach Gregg Popovich dismissed Phoenix Suns owner Robert Sarver's critical comments as silly.

liams, who's coming off summer surgery on both ankles, and Brook Lopez, who was limited to just 17 appearances and 533 minutes by a broken bone in his right foot. We're still two weeks away from the start of the season, but Brooklyn's already hit a bump in the road on the latter score.

The Nets announced Thursday that Lopez had suffered a "mild right midfoot sprain" during the Nets' preseason win over the Sacramento Kings in China on Wednesday. He's expected to miss 10 to 14 days, putting his availability for Brooklyn's Oct. 29 season-opener against the Boston Celtics in doubt.

"Brook Lopez experienced right foot soreness after being stepped on during the pre-season game against the Kings Wednesday night," Dr. Riley Williams III, the Nets' medical director, wrote in a team statement. "X-ray and CT scan studies done Thursday in New York reveal no fractures or bone injuries."

Exactly when the injury occurred remains unclear,

but ESPN New York's Mike Mazzeo suggests that it might have happened on this late-first-quarter defensive play. While the prospect of entering the season without expected low-post linchpin Lopez is somewhat daunting, the Nets' brass surely breathed a sigh of relief upon learning that tests showed no structural damage to the foot, which the 26-year-old has injured several times since 2011, costing him 134 games over the past three seasons.

Likewise encouraging? Lopez's prior experience with a mid-foot sprain back at the start of the 2012-13 season, which saw him sidelined for just eight games, and from which he made a full recovery, averaging 19.6 points, seven rebounds and two blocks per game over the balance of the season and earning his first All-Star berth. (Less encouraging, as Stefan Bondy of the New York Daily News notes: "he broke his foot again a year later and is always one misstep away from a devastating injury.")

More good signs for Nets fans: Lopez appeared to be "in great spirits" at Brooklyn's Friday practice, and was moving around freely without a walking boot on the injured right foot.

## Seahawks trade Harvin to Jets for draft pick



**F L O R H A M PARK, N.J.** (AP)—The New York Jets announced Saturday they have acquired wide receiver Percy Harvin from the Seattle Seahawks for a conditional draft pick.

Making official a trade that was reported Friday, the Jets get a star from last season's Super Bowl but a player who is injury prone. Harvin brings versatility and game-breaking skills to the Jets, who have lost their last six games to fall to 1-6.

New York released receiver David Nelson to make room for Harvin.

General manager John Idzik called Harvin a "dynamic player" who has been productive on offense and special teams. "Seahawks general manager John Schneider noted Harvin's contributions to the Super Bowl and called the decision to trade him "extremely difficult."

"We are constantly evaluating our team and believe at this time that this is in our best interest to move the team forward," Schneider said.

The 26-year-old receiver has played in 60 games with

only 47 career starts since being a first-round pick by Minnesota in 2009. He was traded to the Seahawks in 2013 for a 2013 first-round and seventh-round draft choice and a 2014 third-round.

He appeared in just one regular-season game in 2013 because of hip surgery. But Harvin ran back the second-half kickoff 87 yards for a touchdown in Seattle's 43-8 rout of Denver in the Super Bowl.

Harvin has battled a thigh injury and was listed as questionable for the Seahawks' game at St. Louis this weekend before the trade was completed. The Seahawks have tried to find ways to use him - runner, receiver and special teams—but the injury woes slowed their plans.

This season, Harvin has 22 receptions for 133 yards, with 12 of those catches coming behind the line of scrimmage. He has only one catch on a ball thrown more than 10 yards, according to STATS. Harvin's average of 6 yards per catch is last among all wide receivers in the NFL averaging at least two receptions a game.

He also has 11 runs for 92 yards and a touchdown, and 12 kickoff returns for 283 yards.

New York's offense has struggled. Harvin figures to team with Eric Decker and Jeremy Kerley as the Jets' main weapons in a so-far weak passing game with Geno Smith at quarterback.

As a rookie, he made the Pro Bowl and the Offensive Rookie of the Year. Harvin's best season was 2011, with 87 receptions for 967 yards and six TDs. He also rushed for 345 yards and two scores, and averaged 32.5 yards per kickoff return.

Meanwhile, in Houston, No. 1 overall draft pick Jadeveon Clowney returned to practice on Friday and hopes to play on Monday night when Houston visits Pittsburgh.

Clowney practiced Friday in a limited capacity for the first time since the defensive standout at South Carolina had arthroscopic surgery on his right knee.

"I've always been looking forward to making plays for my team and helping us win," Clowney said. "I hope I can play, but we'll see."

Coach Bill O'Brien said they'll decide before the game on Monday if he can play, and while hopeful that he can go, Clowney said he wouldn't be surprised if he can't. The 6-foot-6, 274-pound Clowney said he remains limited despite being almost six weeks removed from the surgery.

"Right now it's up to me what I can do," he said. "I'm out there really testing my leg out, just seeing what I can really do and what I can't do. So if I can do it, I'll do it. If I can't I'll just let the coaches know: 'that's bothering me,' and they'll just take me out of that drill."

O'Brien said he'll consult with Clowney and the team trainer before making a final decision. If he does play, he'll likely be used sparingly to ease him back into things.

"At the end of the day, that's the most important thing. What's the best thing for the player," O'Brien said. "He's worked hard to get back to this point. Good to see him out there (Friday). I'm sure he'll go out there and work (Sunday) ... and Monday he'll tell us what he's going to do."

## Luiten, Stenson reach semis at World Match Play tourney



**Volvo World Match Play Championship**

**ASH, England** (AP)—Joost Luiten extended his unbeaten run at the World Match Play Championship by easily defeating Spain's Pablo Larrazabal 6 and 5 Saturday to move into the semifinals.

The Dutchman demoralized Larrazabal with seven birdies in overcast and wet conditions on the London Club course at Ash in Kent outside London, setting up a semifinal against Finland's Mikko Ilonen.

In the other semifinal on Sunday, Henrik Stenson will take on George Coetzee of South Africa.

Stenson defeated Swedish compatriot Jonas Blixt by 2 holes with a birdie at the last, Coetzee eliminated American Patrick Reed 2 and 1.

Luiten won all three round-robin matches and was handed the first hole when Larrazabal found water guarding the green. He went on to win the second, fifth, sixth, seventh and the 11th before claiming victory with a par on the 13th.

"I had a great start with three birdies to be 2 up, so that was a really nice start and after that I just tried to keep going and

tried to keep the momentum going," Luiten said. "While I am unbeaten every match is a new game, and you can lose at any time. To have a 100 percent record doesn't say anything in this format. So I just have to go out again tomorrow and try to do the same, and make birdies and try and beat your opponent."

Ilonen defeated European Ryder Cup-winning rookie Victor Dubuisson 2 up in a see-saw match, with the Finn producing a bogey-free display while his French opponent three-putted on three of the four par-3s for bogey.

"It was a match that could have gone any way today but I was pretty confident I would come out in the end," Ilonen said. "But one of the keys for me this week is that I have not felt nervous compared to other occasions when I have competed in big tournaments."

Coetzee, the highest-ranked player in the field at No. 89, was never behind in his match against Reed.

"I was playing well coming into this week and the name of the game in match-play is not give away any holes and I managed to do that," Coetzee said. "But you're playing man-on-man and it's the closest you get to contact sport in golf."



# Deleon Guerrero captures SGA's September Ace

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Larry Deleon Guerrero managed to tame the par-72 Larry Nelson-designed

Coral Ocean Point Golf Course to rule the recently concluded Saipan Golf Association September Ace of the month.

Deleon Guerrero shot a 46 and 48 at the front and back nines for a 94 total and with a 21 handicap, he earned a net score of 73 to clinch the monthly SGA title. He joined the eight early SGA Ace of the Month winners and earned a spot for SGA's final tournament set for January 205. Nick Sablan (January), James Nelson (February), Alex Tudela (March), Das Krishnan (April), Frances Sablan (May), Greg Sablan (June), Jung Eun Teack (July) and former Superior Court Presiding Judge Edward Manibusan (August) are the first eight winners of the monthly Ace tournaments.

Juan L. Babauta finished second behind Deleon Guerrero in the September competition with rounds of 39 and 47 for a gross 86. He had an 11 handicap for a 75 net score. Rick Kautz was a shot back with a net score of 76 (41, 40 for an 81 and 5 handicap).

The closest to the pin and longest drive winners were also



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Larry Deleon Guerrero, fifth from left, second row is seen here posing with Saipan Golf Association members in this file photo taken during the group's January Ace of the Month Tournament at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

recognized during the awards banquet. Manibusan led the closest to the pin winners at hole Nos. 3 and 14, while Steve Balakrishna took No. 7 and Joe Sablan at No. 12. Manny Alvarez had the longest drive at the 390-yard hole No. 6 while Greg

Sablan duplicated the feat at hole No. 18.

Meanwhile, SGA held its October Ace of the Month last Sunday at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort's east course, but results were not available at press time.

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pulled away further and this time DJ Ong anchored the attack, nailing 12 markers in that quarter.

Ong went on to match Montes' output, as he added 5 more markers in the fourth quarter. Mike Muna was the third DYS player to post double figures, contributing 10, while Mareko Tekopua led the Dough Boys,

which played only its second game in the league and has one win to its credit before losing to DYS.

## THURSDAY

**DYS 74** – Ong 22, Montes 22, Muna 10, Salalila 6, J. Santos, Ellama 4, Manalili 2, Flores 2, A. Santos 2.

**Dough Boys 61** – Tekopua 20, Esmundo 14, Sto. Domingo 10, Bondoc 6, Guerrero 4, Espinosa 2, Iba 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 10-9, 37-20, 63-39, 74-61.

## FRIDAY

**San Jose Ol'Aces 54** – Borja 14, Mendoza 10, P. Sablan 7, Songao 5, De Leon 4, Hofschneider 3, Dela Cruz 2, Lizama 2, K. Sablan 2, Epity 2.

**Ol'Aces 38** – Peter 15, Abo-bo 12, Borja 5, Cristobal 3, Kabiriel 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 10-12, 23-18, 36-30, 54-39.

work harder to become a better golfer," she added.

Kim then went back to Saipan after the tournament and took advantage of the offseason to practice her game. "I worked really hard [with my game] and even taught some golf to junior golfers on Saipan."

The 2014 Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference fall season began and Kim opened up with a victory at the Samuel Proal Insurance Lady Wolf Pack Invitational and twice reset the single scoring records, 66 and 133, in the next two tournaments.

She went on to win four of the five events in the RMAC fall season and then finished tied for third with teammate Julie Sanchez and Cha Cha Willhoite of the Metro State University Roadrunners in the RMAC #2 Tournament.

"Coming back, I've been shooting the way I have been. So I felt like maybe this is some

kind of reassurance that's telling me that I might have the potential to play in the LPGA someday."

She also topped the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II based on the official statistics posted on golfstat.com where she registered an average score of 71.25.

Kim was named RMAC Golfer of the Year twice in the last two seasons and at the same time won Rookie of the Year honors. She was the first CSU-Pueblo golfer to earn an NCAA All-Super Region honors and she finished 28th overall in the Division II national finals last season. The former CNMI junior golfer took home, too the CSU-Pueblo Athlete of the Year award last year.

"I didn't know that I won the award, I knew that I was only nominated. So when they called my name I was like, 'Hey that's me!'" Kim said.

## LeBron laments failed recruitment efforts



**CLEVELAND** (AP)—The summer of 2005 was LeBron James' first big chance at calling the shots, and better yet it was the Cleveland

Cavaliers' first big chance at building a winner around their budding star. James had toiled for two individually impressive years on a lacking roster featuring Paul Silas and then Brendan Malone as head coaches, one that lost double-double machine Carlos Boozer to free agency in 2004. Young prospects like DaJuan Wagner and Darius Miles were working their way out of the league, as LeBron missed the playoffs in his first two campaigns.

New ownership allowed for a new general manager – Danny Ferry, heading over from the champion San Antonio Spurs – a new coach, and plenty of cap space to work with. Prominent free agents that summer included restricted guys like Joe Johnson and Tyson Chandler, and unrestricted free agents Ray Allen, Larry Hughes, and Michael Redd. And LeBron James wanted to play with some combination of them, alongside a re-signed Zydrunas Ilgauskas.

Things didn't exactly work out as hoped, despite LeBron's efforts.

"I recruited [before] I left here, but I just didn't win nothing so nobody wanted to

play with me," James said, pointing out that previously, the lone marquee free agent to come to Cleveland based on his influence was Larry Hughes in 2005. "I recruited. I recruited Michael Redd, I recruited Joe Johnson, I recruited Chris Bosh. I recruited a lot of guys. I just didn't win, and they didn't want to come to Cleveland. So, I guess me winning two championships, it helped out a lot."

Bosh was a free agent in 2006, the same year LeBron signed his curiously-sized three-year deal (including a player option for a fourth year) with the Cavaliers. Bosh also signed to the same terms that same summer.

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year, but her swimming level already fits the 9 to 10 age group," Tsunami Saipan head coach Hiro Kimura said.

Watanabe set three marks in the girls U18 age group in the NMISF's opening meet (timed tournament). She clocked in at 1:44.35 in the 100m breaststroke, 1:41.39 in the 100m backstroke, and 6:15.54 in the 400m freestyle. Her teammates Daime Rivera and Ashley Dangol also earned age groups marks with the former registering 43.76 seconds in the girls 17 to 18 50m backstroke. Dangol got a record in the girls U8 50m backstroke event, too with her 45.39 seconds and posted

her other age group mark in the 50m butterfly (41.69 seconds).

"Both record times are fast, but she might be able to swim faster. We are really looking forward to seeing her in the next race," said Kimura, who was not surprised of Dangol's records as the latter has set times faster than the CNMI age group marks during their practice sessions.

As for Rivera, Kimura said he is proud to see her name in the CNMI records books despite starting late in the sport. Rivera began swimming when she was 12. Kimura added he will push Rivera to mark a BB time in the 50m breaststroke event in the next race.

The Tsunami Saipan coach also said the rest of the club's

B swimmers will aim for more BB times in the succeeding meets, while BB swimmers will target A times. The club swimmers will also eye medals in next year's international meet and finals appearance and medals in the Tokyo Sprint.

Meanwhile, Kimura believes three more Tsunami Saipan swimmers will mark CNMI records this season. Eight-year-old Hans Xu leads the short list and is likely to earn records in the backstroke event. The two others are Anthony Camacho-Deleon Guerrero—Tsunami Saipan's bet in freestyle races in the U8 age group—and 11 to 12's Sophia Gauran, who is also a strong contender in freestyle swims.



# GCA remains undefeated in MISO v'ball

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Grace Christian Academy is the lone undefeated team in the 2014 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Boys Volleyball League.

GCA's varsity team scored an easy 25-10, 25-16, 15-6 win over MHS' junior varsity squad last Thursday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium to nail its fourth win in as many games.

The Eagles hardly encountered any resistance from the Dolphins and built comfortable leads twice in the first and second sets. MHS players looked lost inside the court most of the time, helping GCA capitalize on every scoring opportunity.



The Eagles also defeated the junior varsity teams of Saipan Southern High School, 25-10, 25-8, 15-13, and Saipan International School, 25-15, 25-18, 15-8, and grinded out a tough win over Mt. Carmel School's varsity squad, 25-13, 23-25, 15-12, in separate games the last two weeks to earn a streak in the 10-team league.

MHS' varsity team is in second place with a 3-1 slate, as

the Dolphins ended their three-game winning run last week after absorbing a 25-20, 20-25, 13-15 loss to Marianas Baptist Academy.

Before bowing to MBS, the Dolphins' varsity team downed SIS junior varsity, 25-16, 25-22, 15-11; bested Kagman High School varsity, 25-23, 25-14, 15-10; and won over sister team MHS junior varsity, 25-20, 25-18, 18-16.

Kagman High School varsity holds an even 2-2 mark with the Ayuyus winning over MHS JV, 25-19, 25-21, 15-2, and the Knights' varsity team, 25-15, 15-25, 15-7. Kagman dropped its games against SIS varsity, 13-25, 12-25, 15-17, and the MBA Stormz, 25-18, 25-21, 15-13.

In other results, SSHS varsity defeated its JV squad, 25-11, 30-29, 15-13, but lost to Mt. Carmel, 25-17, 25-12, 15-13, in separate games last week. The Manta Rays also dropped a 13-25, 25-21, 7-15 setback to the SIS JV Geckos then defeated MHS JV, 25-23, 22-25, 15-8. SIS' varsity team pulled off consecutive hard-earned wins over MBA varsity, 25-22, 24-26, 15-10, and its JV squad, 25-16, 16-25, 15-12.



Two Grace Christian Academy players battle a Marianas High School player on the net during their game in the MISO volleyball league last Thursday at the MHS Gymnasium.

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## MBI/Anchor wallops Top Development

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Micronesian Brothers, Inc./Anchor waltzed past Top Development, Inc., 106-80, during the curtain-raiser in the 2014 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League last Friday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

MBI/Anchor improved to a 4-1 record to remain in second place in the team standings behind the unbeaten Shirley's Coffee Shop, while Top Development is still at the bottom half of the nine-squad field with its 0-4 record. Mc-

Donald's (3-1), Public School System (3-2), Joeten (3-2), CUC (2-2), Saipan Ice (1-3), and Docomo Pacific (0-5) complete the field.

Three MBI/Anchor players scored 20-plus points to tow the team to the easy win. Melvin Capalad fired 25 points, while Justin Zapanta and Ivan Devero chipped in 22 points. Angelo Fernando was the fourth MBI/Anchor player to break in double figures as he reported back for duty after a bad fall in their loss to Joeten a few weeks ago and scored 11 markers.

MBI/Anchor led right from the get-go, leaving Top Development no chance to pull off an upset and end its slide. Devero started the engine for MBI/Anchor dropping 10

points. Zapanta added 8 to give MBI an early double-digit advantage after the first 10 minutes of play, 27-16.

The lead ballooned to 20 by halftime, 37-37, as Capalad joined the scoring surge in the second quarter, knocking in 8 points, with 6 of them coming from downtown. Zapanta was still on target in the second canto, contributing 10 more markers, while Devero tallied 6.

MBI/Anchor kept its safe distance all throughout the second half, as Top Development did not have enough players to overhaul the big deficit. Top Development suited up for the match with only six players and relied heavily on young gun Raymond Velasco.

Velasco led all scorers with

his 30 points and although three of his teammates also hit double figures, most of these baskets were made when MBI had the game in the bag. Allen Reyes finished with 18 points, while Jomel Pollisco and Se-fich Lorenzo posted 14 and 10, respectively.

Meanwhile, details of Public School System's win over Docomo in the second game last Friday will be reported in *Saipan Tribune's* Tuesday issue.

**MBI/Anchor 106** –Capalad 25, Zapanta 25, Devero 22, Fernando 11, Cordero 9, Viola 5, Garcia 4, Trajano 3.

**TDI 80** –Velasco 30, Reyes 18, Pollisco 14, Lorenzo 10, Arreza 6, Pangelinan 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 27-16, 57-37, 78-60, 106-80.

## Jones voted new Saipan Little League president



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Benjamin Jones Sr. will be leading the 2015-2016 season of the Saipan Little League Baseball Inc. (SLLBI) after he earned the nod of the six other board members.

The seven-member board held its election last week at the pavilion beside the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium with Jones Sr. selected to head the group. Annie De-leon Guerrero Flores was elected vice president, while Piding Tenorio will act as the secretary and player agent. Malcom Omar (treasurer), Climaco Laniyo

(safety officer) and AJ Murig (chief statistician) are the other elected officers of the SLLBI.

With the new board choosing Jones as its president, the officials' first order of business is to open the 2015 to 2016 season in January and further improve the local youth development program of the sport. Jones will be replacing 2014-2015 president Tony Rogolifoi, who decided not to seek reelection because of his busy schedule. While serving as SLLBI president, Rogolifoi was also named executive director of the Northern Marianas Sports Association, which is now tasked to maintain the facilities inside the Oleai Sports Complex.

## Hustlers slam Magic 8 Ball to gain distance



The Saipan TV Hustlers dominated Smoke Pub Magic 8 Ball the entire match to complete a lopsided 12-3 win in last Thursday's 2014 Saipan Billiards Association Budweiser Open 8-Ball League.

The victory allowed the Hustlers to gain more cushion against Magic 8 Ball, which earlier cut the Smoke Pub-backed team's lead to one win. The Hustlers now hold a league-best 85-50 card, while Magic 8 Ball remained in second spot at

75-60. The Jokers Homeboyz edged Jonny's Crazy 8, 9-6, but are 11 wins behind Magic 8 Ball for second place.

The Homeboyz have already compiled a 64-56 won-loss record, with still six weeks to go in the league. The Crazy 8 dropped to 37-83.

The Jokers IT&E Voyagers drubbed Smoke Pub Sang&D'Gang, 10-5, in the other Thursday league match.

After the seven-week regular season, the league will play an additional three more weeks for the finals and the Budweiser Cup. (Jon Perez)



IT&E Voyagers & Smoke Pub Sang & the Gang players pose for a photo during a break in their game in the SBA 8-Ball league last week.

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# San Jose Ol'Aces still perfect



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The San Jose Ol'Aces' Jayron Epity drives against an Ol'Aces defender during their U18 division game in the BANMI youth caging last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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The San Jose Ol'Aces kept their immaculate slate in the U18 division of the 2014 BANMI Youth League following a 54-39 victory over the Ol'Aces last Friday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

San Jose, which is bannered by Tinian players and reinforced by Saipan-based dribblers Kobe Mendoza, Ignacio Borja, and Kevin De Leon, notched its fourth win in as many games to remain at the top spot of the nine-team field. The Keith Nabors-coached team is slightly ahead of Division of Youth Services, which improved to a 5-1 record after downing the Dough Boys, 74-61, last Thursday.

The Top 2 teams in the U18 division worked their way out of a sluggish start in their separate games to cruise to victories.

San Jose turned a 10-12 deficit at the end of the first period to a 23-18 advantage with Borja and Mendoza finding their marks in the second quarter. San Jose never relinquished the driver's seat from there on, as its much deeper bench also stepped up in the second half after Mendoza and company did the damage early.

Borja top-scored for San Jose with his 14 points, while Mendoza added 10. Eight other San Jose players hit the board, while

also five canned baskets for the Ol'Aces, who dropped to a 1-3 record.

In last Thursday game, DYS also made the move in the second quarter to gain its fifth win



in six matches.

Clinging to a 10-9 lead after the first frame, DYS zoomed to a 37-20 halftime advantage with Tristan Montes leading the team's breakaway. Montes fired 14 of his 22 points in the pivotal second period.

In the third canto, DYS

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## Leina renews bid to join pro ranks

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Leina Kim has been considering turning pro and joining the Ladies Professional Golf Association someday since she started college at Colorado State University-Pueblo a few years ago.

But last year, the former Marianas Baptist Academy student had doubts if she has what it takes to make it to the professional ranks.

"I have thought about [the LPGA] since before I came out to college. But last year, I felt like I couldn't make it



because of how inconsistent my game was," said Kim, in an interview with CSU-Pueblo Today's Sydney McIntyre. "One day I will be shooting 73 and the next day I'll shoot 83. I felt that I didn't have what it takes to become a pro-

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## Tsunami Saipan lauds 3 swimmers



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From left, Tsunami Saipan's Ashley Dangol, Daima Rivera, and Nanaka Watanabe pose for a photo before returning to the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool to start their training session.

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Tsunami Saipan Swimming Center acknowledged its three swimmers who made record-breaking times in Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation's first meet for the 2014-2015 season held early this month at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

"I'm so satisfied with Nanaka Watanabe's times in the meet, especially in 400m free-style, it was a great swim. If she has more chance to swim, she will break more CNMI records. I can see a strong potential on Nanaka. She won't be turning 9 years old until next

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Leina Kim is seen here posing with an official from CSU-Pueblo golf team after competing in last year's NCAA Division II national finals.